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BIRTH.

PEEBLES—December 19, 1923, at the Sligo Independent Office, to Mr. and Mrs. Peebles, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

O'RIORDAN and HOWARD—November 19, 1923, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Cape Town, by the Rev. J. Byrne, John, eldest son of the late Denis and Margaret O'Riordan, Ballywilliam, Cork, to Nora, eldest daughter of the late William Henry Howard, B.A., and Mrs. Howard, South st., New Ross.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

BURKE—December 19, 1923, at St. Gabriel's, N.C.R., Dublin, Very Rev. Joseph A. Canon Burke, P.P., aged 82. R.I.P. Requiem Office and High Mass at the Church of the Holy Family, Aughrim st., this (Friday) morning, 21st, at 11 o'clock. His Grace the Archbishop will preside. Funeral to Glasnevin. No flowers.

EGAN—December 20, 1923, at The Rest, Camden Row, Dublin, after a lingering illness, the end being perfect peace, William, beloved husband of Eleanor Egan, aged 38 years. "Rock of Ages, cleft for me." Funeral from The Rest to-morrow (Saturday), 10 a.m., to Mount Jerome.

FITZGERALD—December 19, 1923, after a long illness, Caroline, aged 21 years, second eldest daughter of Chris. and Carrie FitzGerald, 3 Island Villa, Wentworth place. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing parents, friends, and relations. Funeral to Mount Jerome at 11 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

HARRIS—November 19, 1923, at Lahore, India, Diana Elizabeth Porter, the dearly-beloved only child of Captain F. Harris, M.C., R.A.M.C., and Mrs. Harris, aged two years and four days.

HARTNETT—December 19, 1923, at Knockrath House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, David, darling infant son of Mrs. and Mr. Hartnett, R.N. (retired), aged 1 year and 6 months. Funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) to Glendalough.

JUDGE—December 19, 1923, at Richmond Hospital, Dominick W. Judge, late of 3 Rostrevor ter., Clontarf. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral (private) from the Church of St. John the Baptist, Clontarf, this (Friday) morning at 10.30 for Kilbarrack. No flowers, Masses requested.

KANE—December 19, 1923, at the Hospice for the Dying, Michael Kane (late of Messrs. W. & R. Bot and Co.), in his 92nd year. R.I.P. Funeral private. American papers please copy.

KEAPPOCK—December 19, 1923, Emily F. Keappock. R.I.P. Funeral from Hospice to-morrow (Saturday) morning, 10 o'clock.

KENNEDY—December 20, 1923, at his residence, Highfield, Howth, William J. Kennedy, beloved husband of Elizabeth Kennedy. Funeral arrangements later.

McAULEY—December 20, 1923, at the Hospice for the Dying, Margaret McAuley, relict of the late Peter McAuley, North Quay, Drogheda. Deeply mourned by her family. R.I.P. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday), 22nd, at 2 p.m., from the Oliver Plunkett Church (St. Peter's), Drogheda, to Chord Cemetery.

MOORE—December 20, 1923, at his residence, Carrig-na-Chaitan, Sandycove, Charles Inglis, second eldest son of the late J. Gibson Moore, J.P., husband of Nancy Moore. Funeral leaves the house 9.30 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday) for Dean's Grange. No flowers.

MOORE—December 18, 1923, at Ballymoyle, Arklow, Mary Anne Moore, aged 94. Her end was peace. Funeral to-day (Friday), 10.30, to Leskinfere, Gorey. No flowers.

TAYLOR—December 18, 1923, in Dublin, suddenly, Charles Irwin Taylor. R.I.P. Funeral to Glasnevin Cemetery to-morrow (Saturday) morning after 9 o'clock Mass at Whitefriar st.

WILKINSON—December 18, 1923, at Killiney, Sarah, eldest and last surviving daughter of the late Richard and Joyce Wilkinson, of Outrath, Co. Tipperary, and for many years Principal of the Soldiers' Home, Newenham st., Limerick, aged 93. "His rest shall be glorious." Isaiah, xi., 10.

WILKINSON—December 18, 1923, at Cloncoole House, Bandon, Rev. John Wilkinson, M.A. Funeral private

IMPORTANT.—As announcements for this column, if posted on Saturday, cannot reach this office in time for Monday's paper, they should be sent by telegram.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. J. F. Rowe and **Mrs. Arthur Scott**, Riva, Dalkey, desire to return thanks to all those who remembered them in their recent sad bereavement, and regret they are unable to reply individually to each message of sympathy.

IN MEMORIAM.

DU CROS—In devoted and loving memory of Harvey Du Cros, J.P., Founder of the Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Industry, who died at his residence, Inniscorrig, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, December 21, 1918

GATER—In loving memory of my dear wife, Amy Isabel Gater, who passed away December 21, 1921. "With Christ, which is far better."

GIBSON—In loving memory of our darling sister, Eileen, died 21st December, 1920. "Ever in our thoughts."—Connie and Ida

GIBSON—In ever-loving memory of Eileen, who passed Home December 21st, 1920. "Loved long since and lost awhile."—Eileen.

HOGAN—Seventh Anniversary—In loving memory of Paul Hogan, 2 Suffolk st., who died at 24 Grosvenor rd., Rathmines, 21st December, 1916. R.I.P.

JOHNSTON—In ever-loving memory of Edward Johnston, Portarlington, who passed away 21st December, 1919.—E. Johnston.

WOLFE—In ever-loving memory of my dear husband, George Wolfe, called Home 4th December, 1909, and our darling Florrie, 21st December, 1918. "Till He come"

MISCELLANEOUS.

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SOLDIER BIGAMIST.

WIFE GRANTED DIVORCE DECREE.

In the Divorce Division, London, on Wednesday, before Mr. Justice Horridge, Mrs. Agnes Mary Topham, of Guildford, petitioned for divorce from her husband, Frank Walter Topham, on the ground of his bigamous marriage in Belfast. There was no defence.

The petitioner said that the marriage took place in March, 1922, at Guildford. Topham was a private in the R.A.M.C., and returned to his duties in Belfast. He did not support her.

When she applied for a separation allowance she learned that he had gone through a ceremony of marriage with a woman named Skinner at St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, in the name of Francis Johnson, and had lived with her at Sylvia street, Crumlin road, Belfast. At Belfast Assizes she saw him sentenced to eight months' hard labour for bigamy.

A decree *nisi* was granted.

REPRESENTATIVE BODY.

The Representative Body met last Wednesday. The Primate presided. The other members present were:—The Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishop of Meath, the Bishop of Kilmore, the Bishop of Down, the Bishop of Tuam, the Bishop of Ossory, the Bishop of Limerick, the Bishop of Clogher, the Earl of Belmore, Mr. George Knight, Mr. Hugh de Fellenberg Montgomery, the Archdeacon of Meath, Canon J. E. Browne, Mr. W. A. Ferrar, the Archdeacon of Ardagh, Sir Malby Crofton, the Dean of Kildare, Mr. John Arthur Maconchy, Mr. Henry Bruen, the Rev. James White, Captain Andrew M. Carden, Mr. H. C. Bowen, the Archdeacon of Killaloe, Mr. Dermod O'Brien, the Most Rev. and Right Hon. John H. Bernard, the Right Hon. Sir William J. Goulding, Mr. John Bristow. Having transacted business, the Representative Body adjourned until Wednesday, January 17, 1924.

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YESTERDAY'S CASES IN THE COURTS.

A DUBLIN COMPANY.

WINDING-UP MATTER.

In the Chancery Division, before the Master of the Rolls, the hearing was resumed of the adjourned summons in the matter of the Companies Act and J. H. Hunter and Co., Ltd., seed merchants, Dublin, now in liquidation. The summons was taken out on behalf of Sir Samuel Kelly, shipowner, Belfast, to obtain the opinion of the Court as to whether his name should be retained on, or struck off, the list of contributories as a shareholder.

Mr. Dickie, K.C., and Mr. James Henry (instructed by Messrs. McKinty and Wright) appeared for Sir Samuel Kelly; Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C., Mr. H. Wilson, K.C., and Mr. Morgan Byrne (instructed by Messrs. Maxwell, Weldon and Co.) for the liquidator; and Mr. V. Wilson (instructed by Messrs. Hayes and Son) for the executors of the late Mr. J. H. Hunter, deceased, and for Mr. R. H. Hunter, his son.

Mr. Dickie, K.C., resuming his opening address on behalf of Sir Samuel Kelly, referred at length to the correspondence that had taken place between the parties, pointing out that Sir Samuel had repudiated the certificate of shares sent to him as soon as possible. He had never seen the register. Counsel called his lordship's attention to "letters in which the Messrs. Hunter wanted Sir Samuel Kelly to take up unpaid-up shares, which would render him liable for £20,000 or more, and to the letter of Sir Samuel informing them that he had made up his mind to retire from the Board as director. Sir Samuel, Mr. Dickie said, had never acted as a director of the company and never attended any of its meetings. Their case was that there never was a contract to take these shares at all.

In his affidavit, Sir Samuel Kelly stated that he had never seen the scheme for the reorganisation of the company. He never made an application for shares in the company of any kind; and the shares were never allotted and he had no notice of the allotment. He paid the Messrs. Hunter £10,000 for the purpose of financing the company, and never meant to be under any further liability. So far as he was concerned, he expected the shares would be paid up for the £10,000, whether £1 or £5. Counsel added that there was no previous agreement with him that he was to be co-opted.

The Master of the Rolls pointed out that it was in contemplation that he was to be co-opted.

Mr. Dickie—Yes, but there is no evidence of any previous agreement on the subject. That is all I say.

The Master of the Rolls—He accepted the situation.

Mr. Dickie—Certainly; but, according to his own evidence, he never acted.

In reply to his lordship, Mr. Dickie said that he made the statement from the start, in opening the case, and he stuck to it still, that the issue between them was with regard to the meeting held on the 27th August. It was said on the other side that at that meeting shares were allotted. He said, however, that no such meeting was ever held in Belfast, and it was a falsehood to say it was.

The hearing of the case was adjourned until this morning.

CLARE ELECTION EXPENSES.

"DON'T DO IT AGAIN."

Before Mr. Justice Dodd, Mr. M. J. Ryan (instructed by Mr. Killeen) applied on behalf of Mr. Killeen, of Kilrush, who acted as election agent for Messrs. Conner Hogan, T.D., Bartholomew Skeehan and Patrick Ryan, farmers, joint candidates at the Dail Election which was held on the 27th August for the constituency of the County of Clare, for liberty for the payment by him of certain claims. He moved on the affidavit of Mr. Killeen, who was the election agent for the Parliamentary candidates mentioned. He asked for liberty to pay the following claims—The *Clare Champion*, £137 0s. 6d.; the *Clare Record*, £54 18s. 0d.; Thomas Sheils and Co., £12; Patrick Keighery, £5; and Michael Hynes, £27 10s. 0d. Total—£236 8s. 6d.

Mr. Justice Dodd said that he was obliged to unseat Captain Donelan, of the Irish Parliamentary Party, from being a member for a County Cork constituency on that very point. He asked if Mr. Killeen's clients had any opponents at the election.

Mr. Ryan said yes—Mr. de Valera was one of the successful candidates.

Mr. Justice Dodd said that any other candidate could have brought a petition to him to upset the election on the ground mentioned.

Mr. Ryan said that Mr. Killeen had not paid the claims yet.

Mr. Justice Dodd said that his discretion was unlimited, and no great harm was done. Mr. Killeen must pay the claims.

Mr. Ryan said yes. The bills were sent in to Mr. Killeen before the 13th September, and included, in Schedule G, disputed claims of the return filed on behalf of the candidates named. Since the furnishing of the return, he had settled the five claims referred to, and he now applied for liberty for the payment of them.

Mr. Justice Dodd asked if the return was within the limit.

Mr. Ryan said yes.

Mr. Justice Dodd—I will grant your application, but don't do it again.

THE RE-SALE OF WHISKEY.

EXCESS PROFITS DUTY.

Judgment was delivered in the King's Bench Division yesterday in the case in which the representatives of P. J. McCall, deceased, were appellants, and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, respondents. The case came on for hearing on Monday last, before the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Dodd, on a case stated by the Commissioners for the special purposes of income tax, for the opinion of the Court under the provisions of the Taxes Management Act, 1880, Section 59.

At a meeting of the Commissioners, held in November, 1919, the representatives of P. J. McCall appealed against assessments to excess profits duty in the sum of £808, for the accounting period of the year, ending December, 1916; £284 for the year ending 1917; and £28,438 for the year ending 1918, made upon the appellants, under the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1915, Part III., and subsequent enactments.

The late Mr. McCall formerly carried on a small publican's business in Patrick street, Dublin. For many years he made a practice of purchasing quantities of whiskey in bond from John Power and Son, Ltd., the average purchases amounting to £1,800 to £2,000 a year. Only small quantities of this whiskey (ranging in value from £11 to £37 in a year) were transferred from bond to Mr. McCall's public-house, the greater part of it being re-sold to John Power and Son, Ltd., after being kept four or five years in bond. Mr. McCall's first purchase of whiskey in bond appeared to have been in 1901 or 1902, and the quantity then purchased was re-sold in 1906 at the purchase price, plus interest, at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum for the intervening period.

There had been transactions each year since 1906, and all re-sales were carried out by sold notes on invoice forms.

It was contended on behalf of the appellants that the profits arising to Mr. McCall from the purchase and sale of whiskey in bond were not profits arising from a trade or business in respect of which excess profits duty was chargeable, but accretions of capital realised on the sale of an investment, and that each of the transactions was in substance and in fact a loan transaction—the money being loaned on the security of ear-marked whiskey at rates of interest which varied according to the wholesale price of whiskey.

On behalf of the Inland Revenue it was contended that this was an appeal from a finding of fact by the Commissioners, and that consequently the only function of the Court was to see if there was any evidence by which the finding could be supported. The Commissioners held that during the accounting periods under review the late Mr. McCall was carrying on the business of selling whiskey in bond, and that, therefore, excess profits duty was chargeable in respect of the profits arising therefrom.

The Lord Chief Justice, in delivering judgment, said that the question submitted for their consideration was whether the evidence justified the findings of the Commissioners. He said that the late Mr. McCall was clearly carrying on the business of selling whiskey in bond, that he bought the whiskey for the purpose of re-sale, and re-sold it to the best advantage at prices varying with the state of the market. They accordingly answered the question submitted to them in the affirmative.

Mr. Justice Dodd concurred.

Mr. Brown, K.C., Mr. Wilson, K.C., and Mr. Costello (instructed by Mr. J. H. Dixon) appeared for the appellants; and Mr. Jellett, K.C., Mr. Sullivan, K.C., and Mr. W. G. Shannon (instructed by Mr. R. Martin) for the respondents.

CO-OPERATIVE CLOTHING SOCIETY.

PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION.

Before the Master of the Rolls, in the matter of the Irish Co-operative Clothing Society,

Mr. Dickie, K.C., for creditors, applied for an order confirming certain resolutions which had been passed with reference to the reconstruction of the society, one of them being a resolution in favour of converting the society into a limited company, on the understanding that registration should not take place until a sum of £10,000 had been subscribed or raised to enable the business of the company to be carried on. Explaining the proceedings which had taken place in connection with the society, he stated that a provisional liquidator (Mr. Gallagher) had been appointed, and that certain meetings had been held at which resolutions were passed. The creditors had come to the conclusion that they should try to form the society into a company, and that in that event they would reduce their claim to 13s. 4d. in the £. The resolution was confirmed, and at a further meeting of the creditors that sum was reduced to 10s. by another resolution. Everybody was now agreeable that all these resolutions should be confirmed by his lordship. There would be no registration of the company until the £10,000 had been raised, which, it was estimated, would be before the 1st of February.

The Master of the Rolls intimated that he would require an affidavit to the effect that all the resolutions referred to had been passed.

Mr. Carson, who appeared for the landlord of the premises of the Society in Middle Abbey street, said that he thought it was only fair that he should mention to the parties and his lordship that there was a very onerous covenant in the lease under which the premises were held, the rent being £1,200 a year; and, according to the covenant, a sum of £5,000 was to be expended upon them, and not one penny had yet been expended. In addition, there was a proviso that no part of the premises should be assigned or sub-let without the consent of the landlord, and the landlord had not been approached with regard to these matters up to the present.

The Master of the Rolls allowed the matter to stand over till the 18th of January, or the following Monday.

STRUCK OFF THE ROLLS.

A WESTERN SOLICITOR'S FATE.

Before the Lord Chief Justice, sitting in the Court of Appeal, in the matter of an application under the Solicitors (Ireland) Act, 1898,

Mr. Blood, K.C. (instructed by Mr. W. G. Wakely), on behalf of the Incorporated Law Society, said that Messrs. Adler and Perowne, solicitors, acting on behalf of Messrs. Simpson's, London, wholesale clothiers, instructed the solicitor in the case, early in January, 1921, to collect a debt of £60 11s. 7d., due by George McDermott, Swinford, to Simpson's. The solicitor took steps to recover the debt, and on January 31, 1921, the £60 11s. 7d. was paid to the solicitor by Mr. John Brown, Dublin, chartered accountant, acting as agent on behalf of Mr. McDermott. No remittance from the solicitor, who had received the money, to his principals in London having arrived when it came to the month of June, 1922, the solicitors in London wrote on June 2, pressing for a settlement, and they got a reply from the solicitor, making the case that he had suffered very much in business from the unlawful occupation of his house, and he pleaded illness of himself and his wife, and the difficulties of getting in debts due to him. He offered in that communication to pay the amount by instalments of £10 a month. Messrs. Adler and Perowne made a fair counter-offer to accept £20 11s. 7d. cash down, and the balance, £40, by three instalments on July 1, August 1, and September 1 following. The solicitor did not avail himself of that offer, and nothing had been paid. Complaint was then made, on the affidavit of Mr. Creeke, member of the firm of Messrs. Adler and Perowne, to the Incorporated Law Society, and the Statutory Committee sat on November 7. The solicitor did not appear before the Committee, and made no affidavit in reply to that of Mr. Creeke. He ignored the proceedings, and made no payment. The Committee came to the conclusion that it was a case of professional misconduct, and their report was before his lordship. Counsel submitted that it was a case of which a serious view must be taken.

Mr. Fitzgerald Kenny, on behalf of the solicitor, said that the only thing that he could do was to throw himself on his lordship's mercy. The solicitor had suffered a great deal, and his whole business became completely disorganised. His house was taken over. He was a married man, with eight children, the eldest of whom was 13 years. For the time being he became temporarily embarrassed. It was absolutely wrong that he should have mixed up his clients' money with his own, but counsel asked his lordship to deal with him as leniently as he could, and give him an opportunity of paying back the money.

His Lordship said that it was a very serious case. Under the circumstances, it was impossible to allow the solicitor to be in a position where he could treat other clients in the same way as he had treated this English firm, who had treated him with every consideration and every leniency. The only order he could make was that James F. Moles, solicitor (Castlebar, Co. Mayo), be struck off the roll of the High Court.

FALL FROM A LOFT.

COACHMAN'S APPEAL DISMISSED.

In the Court of Appeal, before the Lord Chief Justice and Lord Justice Ronan, in the final appeal, Workmen's Compensation Act—Lynch v. Griffin,

Mr. Michael Comyn, K.C., with whom was Mr. James Comyn (instructed by Mr. O'Brien Moran), appealed on behalf Michael Lynch, 5 John street, Limerick, undertaker's coachman, against an order of the County Court Judge of Limerick (Judge Piggot) who refused him compensation for injury caused by a fall from a loft on the premises of the respondent, John Griffin, trading as John Griffin and Son, funeral undertakers, Limerick, on the ground that the appellant was only casually employed by the respondents; that he was not in the employment of the respondents on the 14th November, 1922, the date of the accident; and that even had he been casually employed by the respondents on the date of the accident, his going on the loft was not part of his duties, but was a voluntary act undertaken by himself.

Mr. Binchy (instructed by Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan) appeared for the respondents.

The Court, having heard legal argument, dismissed the appeal.

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.

RESIGNATION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

At the monthly meeting of the Dublin County Council yesterday, Mr. P. Connolly, Chairman, presiding, a recommendation from the Finance Committee, requesting Mr. Collen to reconsider his decision to resign the County Surveyorship, was submitted.

Mr. Stafford said he thought they should accept the resignation. He saw no reason why they should not do so. He referred to the transfer of a District Surveyor from Rathdown to Balrothery, and said that nearly £4,000 was spent in one district, while not a penny was spent in others. He thought it would be well for the county if the work of the officers were changed.

Mr. Beckett asked if it was in the power of District Surveyors to employ sub-contractors.

The Chairman said that the County Surveyor had the power to employ others.

Mr. Beckett said that then it was not fair to blame a District Surveyor, when he was only carrying out the orders of the County Surveyor.

After further discussion, Mr. Collen's resignation was accepted. The question of superannuation was referred to the Finance Committee.

The consideration of a report from the Ministry of Commerce in regard to the Dublin and Blessington Tramway was deferred.

Eight hundred Russian emigrants about to embark in the Aquitania at Cherbourg on Tuesday were ordered to return to their country.

WOMAN AND HER HOME.

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Bran washing is an equally successful method of cleaning, and is used for washing cretonnes, chintzes, coloured materials, etc. For a bran wash three large handfuls of bran should be tied loosely in a muslin bag, allowing plenty of room for the bran to swell. The bag should be placed in a pan or large saucepan, with about one gallon of cold water, and slowly brought to the boil. It should simmer for about twenty minutes, and then the water can be poured off, and a fresh quantity of cold water poured over the bran for a second stewing.

The first bran water is used for washing purposes. This quantity is sufficient for three washing tubs, one-third being poured into each tub of warm water as required, and sufficient soap solution added to make a lather. The bran softens the water, and consequently very little soap is required.

After washing, the clothes, etc., should be rinsed in clear warm water, to which some of the second bran solution has been added. The result of this treatment is perfect cleansing, with clearness of colour, and just enough stiffness to give a slight "body" to the material.

MARY GWYNNE HOWELL.

FOR A CHRISTMAS BALL.

A Dance Frock with a deep tunic of cloth of silver over a skirt of silver and blue nacre embroidery. The tunic is bordered with chinchilla-dyed coney, and a handsome silver-thread tassel hangs from the hip-line.

FIRST AID IN THE KITCHEN.

THE thoughtful housewife will take every precaution against accidents in her household, but, all the same, minor ailments at least—both human and non-human—are sure to occur from time to time, and it is well to have the remedies at hand. Very few cooks go through their career without accidents, and generally it is cuts or burns that occur in the kitchen.

A simple first-aid outfit should be kept in the kitchen itself—either in a box or, better still, in a small cabinet. The most essential item of the outfit is a large bottle of carron oil for use in the case of burns or scalds. Tincture of iodine should be also supplied for use in the case of cuts, being painted on the wound after thorough cleansing. The outfit should also contain bandages, lint, sticking plaster, safety pins, a pair of scissors, and some sal volatile.

These remedies will meet the usual demands, and their presence and quick application will often prevent complication caused by lack of prompt action.

Every kitchen should be provided with some form of fire extinguisher, either of chemical form or a simple bucket of earth or sand; and the mistress should see to it that the kitchen workers understand what to do in the case of fire and just how to manipulate the extinguisher provided.

The kitchen equipment also needs its first-aid outfit, and this, in its most efficient form, takes the shape of a tool board so equipped with hooks and ledges that every tool in common use has its own particular place on the board, and the user can see at a glance if anything is missing. This arrangement is much more satisfactory than the tool box or drawer for every-day use. The board should hold a hammer, screw-driver, gimlet, tin-opener, corkscrew, and folding yard measure, with a three-division box fastened to the base to hold various nails, screws, etc., and a ball of twine.

For sink stoppage a rubber force cup should be provided, as by strong suction this little appliance quickly removes the cause of the trouble.

In all these matters it is true that "a stitch in time saves nine."

M. G.

CHRISTMAS ROSES.

NOT every December brings a real Christmas, nor do holly and mistletoe weave their spell each year. As one's eyes grow tired from over much discerning of those realities that lie beneath the surface, one's heart grows tired of holly and mistletoe, since they are symbols of the ideal rather than the real. Indeed, one comes to look on them almost with a certain sadness; they too often cover up deficiencies rather than sing the song of joy they are meant to. For many of us Santa Claus has borne away their history in his sack—we have long since forgotten their meaning, although we may pretend that we have not.

Long before I knew holly and mistletoe I knew Christmas roses. The others were there all the time (when one lives in the country one sees them about before one has seriously begun to think of Christmas). One sees them about continually, and they become of the every day, a little hackneyed. But the Christmas roses were a thing apart—a Christmas feast as secret as a love story. One does not them with a leaf here and a bud there over picture frames. One does not see them in disjointed sprays in different corners of the room. They are so rare that one does not see them in clumps standing in bowls. One sees them gathered together in a little bunch, gathered into themselves in some hot room in whose life they never partake, where they dream till they are gone of the drifts of snow and the wintry water. They are fragile and modest, and they cannot be bent to our ways.

Long ago one Christmas I found them amidst their green leaves in a garden. It was near an old well. I bore them in my mind for years as being the size of summer roses though less rich in petals. It was a surprise that I saw when I had grown up that they were quite small. But every Christmas my mind is carried back to the place where I found them.

MARGOT.

DAIL EIREANN COURTS.

SCENE BEFORE A BOXING MATCH.

Yesterday in the Dail Eireann (Winding Up) Courts Chief Judicial Commissioner Meredith delivered judgment in a case from the Waterford District Court, in which Messrs. Joseph Goggin, lessee of the Theatre Royal, Waterford, and W. L. Dobell, of the Dobell Repertory Company, sued Mr. James Aylward, South Parade, Waterford, for £38 16s., £20 of which was balance due for a letting of the theatre on September 6, 1921, £5 for cash advanced, and £13 16s. for damage to furniture on the same occasion.

The case arose out of the letting of the theatre at Waterford for a boxing entertainment, and had been heard at Waterford on November 19.

The Chief Commissioner, in giving judgment, said that it was quite clear that the boxing contest arranged for the night in question at the Theatre Royal, Waterford, did, in fact, result in a serious breach of the peace. Prior to the opening of the doors, or during the afternoon when the ring was being got ready, there was a free fight on the stage. When the time came for opening the doors there was delay owing to the refusal of the plaintiff to allow the contest to go on unless an agreement was signed. The crowd outside who were seeking admittance clamoured to have the doors opened and to allow the fight to go on. The delay in opening the doors was more than the crowd could stand, and they became violent and rushed the doors and invaded the theatre. As a large number who forced their way in did not pay for admission, there was a considerable financial loss to the promoters; otherwise probably the plaintiff would not have had to bring the present action. It would appear that the damage done to the theatre, or at least so much of it as was not done on the occasion of a boxing match that took place there the previous Friday, was done during the invasion and before a start was made with the programme. The great boxing contest itself seemed to have had an absorbing and pacifying effect on the assembly. One of the witnesses described the audience as a "gathering of mad bulls." He held that the plaintiffs were not entitled to recover under the agreement the sums claimed, and he accordingly dismissed the action, with costs to the defendant.

Mr. Lennon (instructed by Mr. T. H. Colbert, solicitor, Waterford) appeared for plaintiffs; Mr. P. A. Murphy, solicitor, was for the defendant.

A WORKMAN'S CLAIM.

Before Assistant Commissioner Charles Wyse Power, a case was decided in which Edward Cunningham, Carrigeen, St. John's, Knockcroghery, County Roscommon, sued Dominick Dowd, of same place, farmer, for £100 for work, labour and services rendered during the last six years, and for money had and received by defendant for the use of the plaintiff.

The case had been heard at the South Roscommon District Court, and a decree was given for £15. Against this decision both parties appealed.

The Assistant Commissioner varied the decree of the District Court, and awarded £12.

Mr. Kennedy (instructed by Mr. P. J. Neilan) was for the plaintiff; Mr. Bewley (instructed by Messrs. Fair and Murtagh) appeared for defendant.

The Council of the League of Nations has decided to appoint a neutral Committee of three to consider the various Conventions proposed for the future government of Memel and to prepare a draft Convention as a result of its deliberations.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Friday, December 21, 1923.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.—CHANCERY DIVISION.—Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Before the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. In the Court of Appeal, at 11 o'clock. In Lunacy. Motions—68th Section (adjt.), W. D. Graham; 52nd ditto, Maurice O'Connor; 52nd ditto, G. S. Rogers. Petitions—52nd Section, H. D. Barton and Son; ditto, J. Delany. At Chambers—O'Brien, minors; O'Loughlin, minors. In Lunacy. Before the Examiner at 12 o'clock—68th Section, vouch, Esmond A. Power. Lord Chief Justice's Chambers. Before the Chief Clerk, at 12.30 o'clock—Byrne, minors; Kennedy, ditto; Walsh, ditto.

ROLLS COURT.—In Court No. 2. Action—Curran v. Freeman. Rolls Chambers (Room 39), at 11 o'clock—Lemon v. Mark, sign cert.; Walsh v. Byrne, ditto; J. Godsil, decd., Airde v. Godsil, ditto; S. A. Quan Smith, decd., Smith v. Grant; R. Silles, decd., Dyas v. Kelly; Marker v. Tiernan; Motor Hirage and Sales Co., Ltd.; H. Cronin, decd., O'Meara and Nunan.

CHANCERY JUDGE.—Before the Right Hon. the Master of the Rolls. In Court No. 2 (at the conclusion of the Rolls list). In Court. Action—Milman v. Moore. Adjourned Summonses—Cos' Act and J. H. Hunter and Co., Ltd., at hearing; same matter, at hearing. Before the Chief Clerk—Jellett v. McClean, sign cert.; McCormack v. Dervan; Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., v. McCarroll; Thompson v. Kidd. Hagan v. McGuiggan; Gormley v. Parker; Cummins v. Crean.

CONSOLIDATED TAXING OFFICE.—Master Kilbride, at 10.45 o'clock—Arrangement, A. Cox and Co.; Norris v. Power, J. F. Williams; Porter to Caldwell, Caldwell and Robinson; Burdett's trusts, Darley, Orpen and Synnott; Hamilton's trusts, Miley and Miley; Wernicke and Trading with the Enemy Act, Miley and Miley; Wernicke and Trading with the Enemy Act, Miley and Miley. Master Denning, at 11 o'clock. Exparte Taxations—Mulholland to London, J. A. Long; O'Reilly v. Reilly, W. S. Barrett; O'Dowd v. Lowe, G. Lynch; O'Dowd v. Lowe, J. A. Pettit; Montgomery, decd., T. Montgomery. Master Macnamara, at 11 o'clock—Ulster Bank v. Mathews, Johnston and Roe; Board of Trade to Healy, N. Healy; Gabbett v. Black, Horan and Devine; Crawford v. Stephenson, F. C. Joynt; Crawford v. Stephenson, E. S. Lowe.

LAND JUDGES.—Receiver Office. Mr. Dickinson, Examiner, at 11 o'clock. Application for Directions—Irish Land Commission v. Spencer.

KING'S BENCH DIVISION.—In Court No. 3 at 11. Crown Side—Exparte Motions. Bail Motion—The King v. James O'Neill. Civil Side—Exparte Motions. On Notice—Duffy v. Carroll and Co.; Corley and others v. Curran; Peppard v. Hynes; Hall v. Campbell; Duff v. Cotte; Lawlor v. Cotter; Fallon v. Gavin; Condron v. O'Beirne. Before Master Jackson, K.C., Monday next, at 12—Byrne v. Dublin Co. Council.

PROBATE AND MATRIMONIAL.—Before the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Dodd in Court No. 3 (at the conclusion of King's Bench list). Probate. Exparte Motions—In the goods of John Oates, decd.; do. Patrick Farrell, decd. Summonses—Horan v. Burke; Trainor and others v. M'Hugh. Motions on Notice—Harrison v. Fallon; Moonan and another v. Mullan and others. Matrimonial. Summonses—Maher v. Maher; M'Neill v. M'Neill.

BANKRUPTCY.—Before the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Pim in Court No. 1 at 11—Arrangements, Horan and Devine, A. Cox and Co., Quirke and Co., E. F. Collins, P. M. Seales, R. M. Seales, Reddy and Son, Mollor, Fayle and Co., W. J. M. Coulter, Quirke and Co., Hunter and Burland, Scallan and Co.; Triston, 1st public sitting, Thompson and Edwards; Duggan, 1st meeting comp., Little and Cullen; do., 1st public sitting, do.; do., final exam., do.; Cahill, 1st meeting comp., A. Cox and Co.; do., 1st public sitting, W. V. Seddall; do., final exam., do.; Mulvihill, exam. witnesses Horan and Devine; White, do., E. F. Collins; Weymes, do., do.; Browne, do., do.; Pender, final exam., Porter, Morris and Co.; Massy, do., Lynch and Deering; O'Halloran, do., E. F. Collins; show cause agst. adjudn., H. Lennass; Walsh, motion, C. J. Rutherfoord; P. M'Quaid, &c. comp., E. F. Collins; arrangement, do., do.; do., do., P. M. Seales; do., do., E. F. Collins; Mackay, appln. for certificate, J. Mackay; arrangement, ac. comp., E. F. Collins; Trayner, audit and divd., do.; Lowe, do., do.; Murphy, do., Keating and Keating; Gamble, do., W. V. Seddall; arrangement, &c., ——; Barden and Murtagh, do., E. F. Collins; Manthorpe, do., do. Before the Chief Registrar at 11—Arrangement, ac. comp., E. F. Collins; do., pr. dis., do.; Manning, do., W. V. Seddall; Bainsford, veh. ac., Thompson and Edwards; arrangement, ref., W. H. Dunne; do., ac. comp., E. F. Collins.

TRIALS BY JURY.—Before the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Pim in Court No. 1 (at the conclusion of the Bankruptcy business). City Appeal. To be Mentioned—Hartney v. M'Swiney, applt.

DAIL EIREANN COURTS (WINDING UP) COMMISSION.—Before the Chief Judicial Commissioner in Court No. 1 at 11. To be Mentioned—Sutton v. Doran.

MESSRS. BATTERSBY'S SALES.

There was a large attendance at Messrs. Battersby's final auction for the year 1923, when several lots of property changed hands, after keen bidding, at prices which must be considered satisfactory. No. 3 Ardilaun terrace, N.C.R., brought £775; No. 2 Bayswater terrace, Sandycove, £460; Bullock Castle, Dalkey, was purchased by Mr. E. B. McGuire, solicitor, in trust, for £2,000; No. 2 Castle terrace, Dalkey, £440; plot of ground at Dalkey, £155. Among the solicitors concerned for the various parties were:—Messrs. Crowley and Bolger, Nork and O'Reilly, Stephen Gordon and Son, H. and W. Stanley, Lett and Fetherstonhaugh, Maxwell, Weldon and Co., Beauchamp and Orr, and W. G. Armstrong and Mr. M. J. Bowers.

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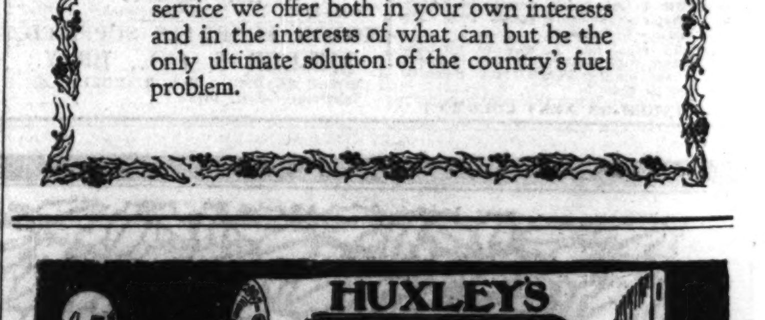

GRANGEGORMAN HOSPITAL.

OVERCROWDING PROBLEM.

The question of the overcrowding of patients in the institution was raised at a meeting yesterday of the Grangegorman (Dublin) Mental Hospital Board.

The Resident Medical Superintendent gave figures proving overcrowding, and said that the problem would require adjustment in the near future.

Mr. Irwin declared that one of their buildings was unfit for human habitation. It appeared to him that they were absolutely powerless to relieve congestion or to improve the condition of the inmates as far as accommodation was concerned.

The Chairman (Mr. P. T. Daly) referred to the circular on economy recently issued to local bodies by the Local Government Department. They were being lectured by the Department, and yet their institution was about the best managed in Ireland. They were told now that they must economise. He could only say that they had economised as much as possible.

Mr. Cogan moved that a deputation be sent to interview the Minister for Local Government with a view to having the North Dublin Union premises made available for patients, on account of overcrowding.

Mrs. McKean seconded, and the motion was adopted.

The Chairman, Mr. Cogan, and Mrs. McKean were appointed to act on the deputation.

The financial report showed that a sum of £19,052 was required to meet payments, and that the amount available was only £15,708. The amount due by the contributory councils was £30,929, and if this was forwarded their debit balance would be converted into a credit balance.

A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. McClure, Chief Engineer of Portrane Mental Hospital, on the death of his wife.

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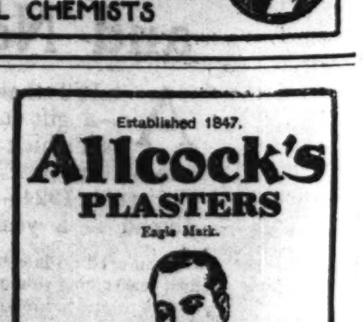

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HUSBAND DIVORCED.

BELFAST WOMAN GRANTED A DECREE.

Mrs. Mary Seth, of Leopold street, Belfast, was granted a divorce *a mensa et thoro* from her husband, David Seth, whose address was given as 19 Murray street, Maryhill, Glasgow, in the King's Bench Division, Belfast, yesterday, before the Lord Chief Justice.

The parties were married in a register office in England, when the husband was working as a male nurse. Afterwards they lived in Belfast, and later in Scotland. After the war she and her husband lived in Leopold street, Belfast. A Miss Annie Redmond came to live with them, and on one occasion the husband said that he loved the girl; that he could not live without her. In January, 1921, her husband disappeared, and three weeks later Annie Redmond left.

DISABLED LINER.

COURAGEOUS OFFICERS AND MEN REWARDED.

The sum of £500 was yesterday awarded by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, on behalf of the underwriters, to the officers and crew of the Yeoward liner, Aguila, for gallant behaviour.

On October 29, when two days out from Lisbon, the vessel's rudder broke in a gale, and she was in danger of being wrecked. Captain McPhee, Swansea, lowered himself into the sea to try and fix a tackle and wires on the after-end of the rudder, but was so buffeted by the heavy seas that he had to abandon the attempt. A jury rudder was next made and placed in position after much difficulty, but the swell knocked off some of the ballast, and it had to be taken aboard.

When the seas had somewhat decreased it was decided to risk a boat in the water. This was manned by the captain, the second engineer and two seamen, who, after four hours' perilous effort, during which the boat was stove in, succeeded in passing wires crosswise around the after-end of the rudder. The repaired rudder enabled the vessel to reach Funchal, the next port of call, without further mishap.

The captain received £200 of the amount awarded and a silver medal from Lloyds, and the chief engineer received £100. The remainder of the money was divided between the second engineer, the carpenter, the boatswain, and two seamen.

A substantial sum, subscribed by 48 first-class passengers on the liner, was given to seamen's charities.

COUNTY DUBLIN RATES.

FARMERS' DEMANDS.

An important meeting of the Rates Committee of the County Dublin Farmers' Association was held yesterday in the City Arms Hotel, Dublin. The meeting was convened for the purpose of considering the reply received from the Minister for Local Government to the representations made by the farmers' and ratepayers' deputation, received on the 10th inst., with reference to the high rates levied by the County Dublin County Council.

It was decided to ask the Minister to give a more definite reply to the very definite proposals put before him on the 10th inst. Those present, who represented all parts of the county, were unanimous in the belief that the farmers and ratepayers generally would be driven to take drastic action unless the Government met fairly the demand put before them.

A resolution was passed unanimously urging the Government to introduce legislation immediately so as to enable the Local Government elections to be held before the beginning of next financial year.

PUBLICITY CLUB OF IRELAND.

THE COMING ADVERTISING CONVENTION.

At the last meeting of the Council of the Publicity Club of Ireland letters of interest to the business community of the Free State were received from the Secretary of the International Convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. It was stated that so great was the booking of hotel accommodation for London in July next, when the convention will be held, that, unless the Publicity Club were soon able to arrange for a definite reservation for those who purpose to travel over from the Free State, it might be impossible to accommodate them.

Already it is known that about fifty members of the Club and their friends will travel to London for this convention, and it is certain that many more will decide to do so within the next few weeks. It is of importance that accommodation should be reserved quickly, and the Council wish it to be known that any business man who is directly or indirectly associated with publicity, whether a member of the Publicity Club or not, may arrange to participate in the club delegation.

The convention will be held during the week July 14-19 in the British Empire Exhibition buildings at Wembley Park, London. Many of America's greatest business men are definitely booked to attend the convention and give the benefit of their great experience. Outstanding figures in British business circles will also take part in the deliberations, and at the request of the Convention Executive the Executive Council of the Publicity Club are putting forward suggestions as to how the Irish Free State can most effectively participate.

Those who intend going to London in connection with the convention are urged to send their names at once for registration to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Brian D. O'Kennedy, the Publicity Club of Ireland, 65 Middle Abbey street, Dublin.

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WATERFORD COMPANY'S CLAIM.

WAR COMPENSATION AWARDS.

In the third report of the War Compensation Court, issued yesterday, judgment is recorded in the claim of Samuel Morris, Ltd., of Waterford, in respect of the requisitioning of three steamers, the Daisy, the Celtic Pride, and the Lough Fisher.

At the dates when these vessels were requisitioned the claimant company was not in existence, not having been formed until 22nd November, 1919. Mr. Samuel Morris, now a director of the claimant company, was himself personally carrying on business at Waterford as a coal and timber merchant, and had chartered the steamers for the purposes of his business. The charters of the Daisy and the Celtic Pride had expired, and the Lough Fisher had been released and sunk before the claimant company was formed. No notice of claim by the present claimants was given to the tribunal until November, 1922, which was not within one year from the termination of the war, 31st August, 1921, nor was it, in the opinion of the Court, within one year from the date when the transaction giving rise to the claims took place. That being so, the claim of 24th November, 1922, was out of time and must fail. The Court, however, thought it right to make their order without prejudice to any claim, or any amendment of any claim, which had been made by Mr. Samuel Morris, or which he might be advised to make, but must not be understood as encouraging him to take any such proceedings.

LONDONDERRY GRENADES.

Judgment was also recorded in the claim of Craig's Engineering Works, Londonderry, for £1,033, being the value which the then owner put upon a quantity of grenades seized at the works in January, 1919, by the military authorities.

The Court said that the seizure was made under an order of the military Commander-in-Chief in Ireland in 1918, prohibiting throughout Ireland the carrying, having or keeping of firearms, military arms, ammunition or explosive substances, unless such articles were under effective military control. The seizure was made in consequence of the discovery that the covering of a bomb used by rebels in an attack on the Derry Prison had been of the claimant's manufacture. No imputation was made against the claimant's loyalty or *bona fides*, but it was the discovery that set the authorities in motion. It was suggested that because the claimant was making shells for the Admiralty at the time of the seizure, he came within an exception to the Order. But the Court could not give that meaning to the exception. There was no evidence of anything amounting to a permission in writing within the meaning of its language.

The Court were of opinion that a manufacturer in the position of the claimant was within the operation of the Order, and they were of the opinion that the claim should be dismissed. They expressed no opinion as regarded the claimant's right, if any, under his contract with the Government. They had proceeded on the basis that the claimant's was a claim as regards which compensation was to be fixed under the schedule of the Indemnity Act. If they were wrong, and it was held that the claimant was otherwise entitled to compensation, they were of opinion it should be made on the basis of scrap value, which they estimated at the figure of £175.

CONFISCATED EXPLOSIVES.

Judgment, which is the subject of an appeal to the Court of Appeal, was given also in regard to the claims of J. D. Henderson, as liquidator of the Dunmanus Bay Barytes Company (in Tyrone), J. Burke, and the Tyrone and Carlow County Councils. Certain explosives of the Barytes Company were seized and confiscated. The claim of the company for £27 was allowed, the Court being of opinion that the seizure was a direct and particular interference with the property of the claimants. In reference to Burke's claim, which was under similar circumstances, a claim for £21 8s. 6d. was allowed. Judgment was given for the County Councils for £5 9s. 2½d. and £2 6s. 9d., respectively, as these cases were similar to Burke's claim.

WHISKEY DESTROYED.

DISTILLERS' BIG CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

The Recorder of Dublin yesterday awarded £1,700 on minor claims under the Damage to Property Act, 1922. One claim for £68,000 was put back for further hearing.

Messrs. Dunville and Company, whiskey distillers, made application for sums of £43,000 and £20,000 in respect of whiskey destroyed in bond at the Dublin Custom House when the Custom House was raided by armed men, who broke into the stores and allowed a huge quantity of whiskey to run to waste. The raid occurred on April 17, 1922.

Mr. Price, K.C., who, with Mr. Smyllie (instructed by Messrs. Bradley and Son), appeared for the applicants, explained that the outrage was not actually connected with the burning of the Custom House, but had relation to the Belfast boycott. The whiskey was to have been distributed to various distilleries. It was estimated that 181,825 gallons were destroyed, but Messrs. Dunville claimed only the actual value of 159,000 gallons.

Mr. Costello (instructed by Mr. Horan), for the State authorities, said his information was that 168,557½ gallons were destroyed, and that 10,000 gallons were saved.

Mr. A. J. Hughes, manager of the Custom House Docks, computed the loss of whiskey at 178,164 gallons.

Mr. Brownrigg, managing director of Messrs. Dunville, said that the whiskey was bought in 1914 and 1915, and put into bond in 1917. Questioned as to the possibility of replacing it, he pointed out that they had been unable to get any 1914 whiskey on the market.

The witness added that the damaged casks (in respect of which there was a claim for £5,000) were sold for £3,021 to the highest bidders—a firm in Scotland.

Mr. Costello—The casks could have been repaired in Dublin for £1,381.

Other evidence having been given, the Recorder said he would adjourn the hearing in order that further particulars as to prices and values might be obtained from the books of the applicants in Belfast.

Michael Finn, manager of the Bar dressing-room at the Castle, claimed £425 for wigs and gowns destroyed in the Four Courts. He was awarded £225.

Sums of £345 and £240 were allotted to Mr. F. G. Ellison and Miss Margaret S. Elvidge, respectively, for property lost on the occasion of the destruction of the Hibernian Bible Society's premises in Sackville street.

Other awards were:—Mr. Joseph Doyle, £210; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayes, £160; Messrs. Leverett and Frye, £102; Miss Rose Donnelly, £90; Mr. A. J. English, £75; Miss Ellen Dowling, £70; Messrs. Berkley and Farnell, £40.

There were several other awards for amounts ranging from £12 to £31.

THE BRITISH RAILWAY WAGES AWARD.

The Press Association understands that while the railway companies are disappointed with the finding of the Wages Board it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that it will be loyally accepted by them. Had their full claim been granted they anticipated realising economies totalling about £4,000,000, but they consider the Board's decision will not effect a material saving. The adjustments are regarded as comparatively minor ones, which will be heavily discounted by the retention of the sliding scale, under which grades affected are entitled to a rise of a shilling in January.

NEW SOLICITOR.

Mr. Desmond J. Collins, B.A., was admitted a solicitor on December 15 after a special examination, and intends to practise with his father, Mr. Eugene F. Collins, at 19 Eustace street, Dublin, to whom he had been apprenticed.

Books of the Week.

LORD LONG'S MEMORIES.

This is a negative book. Unlike the memories of other distinguished persons whom one could name, it contains no breaches of confidence, no indiscretions. It blackguards neither friend nor foe. There is no attempt at literary effect or striving to produce something novel. Vulgarities and banalities are equally absent. The author does not place himself in the limelight, nor does the world seem to revolve round his axis. It is, in fact, such a book as one might expect from a country gentleman of the old school who has looked upon life and found that it was good. He is interested more especially in his own class and in the lives of those below them with whom they are most intimately bound—the English agricultural community. Its ideals are his—love of king, country and Empire.

Viscount Long has well served his country. From 1886 to 1892 he was Parliamentary Secretary to the English Local Government Board; from 1895 to 1900 President of the English Board of Agriculture; from 1900 to 1905 and from 1915 to 1916 back at the Local Government Board as President; 1905 to 1906, Chief Secretary for Ireland; 1916 to 1918 Colonial Secretary, and 1918 to 1921 First Lord of the Admiralty—surely a record that falls to the lot of few save professional politicians, and Lord Long was not of these. It has probably been forgotten in the welter of war and post-war years that for much of the great English Local Government Act of 1888—the predecessor of the similar Irish Act of 1898—Mr. Long was responsible, that he stamped out hydrophobia in Great Britain in the face of the organised opposition of his own class, and that the recently repealed Act restricting the importation of Canadian cattle was passed when he was at the Board of Agriculture. Of the wartime undertaking which led to that repeal, he says: "I believe the original policy of 1896 was thoroughly justified. In similar circumstances I would act again as I acted then. On the other hand, I maintain that it was impossible to resist Sir Robert Borden's contention that immunity from disease for a quarter of a century had made it impossible to adhere to the old policy." He believes, however, that insufficient weight was given by the British Cabinet to the effect which wholesale importation would have on the breeding and stock-raising industry. Confidence in the success of the home industry tends to be weakened when cattle coming from immense ranches, not easy of supervision, are imported. It is the expression of views such as this, coming from a man of ripe and wide experience, that give a great value to these "Memories."

Such wisdom one finds in his reflections on Irish administration. We all know of the well-meaning Chief Secretaries of yesterday and of the M.P.'s, singly or in troops, who came to see for themselves and were humbugged by the inhabitants to the top of their bent, "not intentionally deceived, but gently and courteously misled." They are to be found in the flesh as well as in the pages of George Birmingham. Viscount Long, however, had Irish blood in his veins, and the country life which was his education brought him nearer in spirit to the people of Ireland. His acumen can be discovered in his remarks on the Royal Irish Constabulary. "They were a very sensitive body . . . very much given to looking to the Government in order to ascertain what the feeling of the moment was in regard to the discharge of their duties." Again, he touches the weak spot in Lord Macdonnell's appointment as Under-Secretary. "It was idle to expect that a man who had filled such important posts would be likely to consent to occupy a comparatively subordinate position." It was Walter Long's rather delicate task, if one may bluntly use the phrase, to put Sir Antony "in his place." Speaking, apparently, of the post of Under-Secretary, he says: "The Government of the day has invariably adopted the view that some brilliant Englishman, selected from one of the great departments of State, would be able to contribute to the better government of Ireland, and, notwithstanding that this policy has never succeeded, it has always been followed. . . . Both Ireland and Great Britain have to pay dearly for his experiments."

Unlike many other Ministers of the Crown, Viscount Long is always ready to grant his full meed of praise to the permanent civil servant, whether it be Sir Hugh Owen, of the English Local Government Board, or Sir Henry Robinson, of the Irish Board, or less known officials. It is this unfailing courtesy to all of whom he writes that makes the reader realise that here is the true English gentleman. He can have few enemies, since he sees the best in all men. Of John Redmond he writes, "a true Irish gentleman who really died of a broken heart." Only Germany does he even still distrust. "I firmly believe it to be true that the German mentality is different to that of any other nation. . . . I cannot help thinking that we ought to be governed by our experiences in all our future relations with the German people until they make it clear by a continuous series of acts, not by mere words, that they, too, profited by their sufferings and have learned their lesson."

We have in this review touched only the fringe of that portion of this book which deals with the author's public life, but it is only a portion. There is much interesting matter on social life in the 'seventies and 'eighties, including the pastime of coaching, then in its heyday, and of smoking at house parties, when bachelor smokers had to retire to the butler's pantry. Descriptions of elections of this period show how far adult suffrage—not to speak of women's votes—has carried us. Voters were confined practically to the boroughs and to the farmers, and, instead of the transferable vote, special consignments of transferable electors were held in readiness to be rushed to hard-pressed constituencies. No doubt, our present methods are more commendable, but those of the past were more exciting. Would that all our memories were as clear as that of Viscount Long: then what tales would be ours to tell when the twentieth century is growing old!

"Memories." By the Right Hon. Viscount Long of Wraxall. London: Hutchinson. 24/- net.

PLAYS AND CONTROVERSIES.

Many of the difficulties with which Mr. W. B. Yeats and the other pioneers of the Irish drama were faced are to-day things of the past. The Irish Theatre has now been in existence for over twenty years, and has justified itself by its admirable productions and the consistently high standard which it continues to observe. Mr. Yeats expresses the hope that in the near future the foundation of the Irish State theatre may be considered, and it is with this hope in mind that he has collected the scattered notes which, in an occasional publication called *Samhain*, kept the aims and the ideals of the then new movement before the public eye. These aims and ideals persist, and, although much that Mr. Yeats had to say twenty years ago has little bearing on the modern problems confronting Irish drama, it is interesting to follow in these pages the birth and growth of a movement which produced, and is still producing, drama that can hold its own with that of any nation in the world.

Most of Mr. Yeats's pet theories are now known to the public. He pleads for simplicity of costume, delivery and scene, so that nothing may divert the attention of the audience from the beauty of the words. His views on delivery are, perhaps, the most likely to be disputed. His theory is that the actor should speak his words on a few musical notes; but, although this is distinct from a monotonous chant—which, he admits, sends him to sleep—the effect of any such artificial delivery would almost inevitably irritate the listener. It requires a poet to intone with effect.

Mr. Yeats includes in this volume six of his own plays. Of these "The Countess Cathleen" and "The Land of Heart's Desire" are well known to all his admirers. The remaining four are the "Plays for Dancers," which first appeared two years ago, and are modelled on lines suggested by the Japanese Noh stage.

"Plays and Controversies." By W. B. Yeats. London: Macmillan. 10/6 net.

EXITS AND ENTRANCES.

Miss Eva Moore and her husband, the late H. V. Esmond, occupied for many years a prominent position in the dramatic world. Both were successful and popular actors, and Mr. Esmond was also a well-known writer of plays. It is not surprising, therefore, that Mrs. Esmond has been able to write a book which, if it contains nothing very thrilling or noteworthy, is certainly interesting. Her family, who lived at Brighton, had no previous connection with the stage, and her father was strongly opposed to her becoming an actress; but she was determined to make a career for herself and to earn her own living. Before she made her *début* in stage life Miss Moore taught dancing at Brighton. Among the pupils was a small red-headed boy. "He was the naughtiest boy in the class," says Miss Moore; "I used to think sometimes he must be the naughtiest small boy in the world. His name was Winston Churchill."

The early years of Miss Moore's stage career were by no means easy or prosperous. In 1891 she married Mr. Esmond, and for some time their combined finances were only barely sufficient. Her experiences in Ireland, when on tour with George Alexander in 1902, were of a varied nature. In Belfast the Opera House was partly under water owing to a flood, and, to make matters worse, several of the company fell ill. The climax of their misfortunes was reached when, on arriving in Dublin, Miss Moore herself developed shingles, but Dr. Little, of Merrion square, soon made life bearable again.

Not the least enjoyable portions of the book consist of sketches and descriptions of the many famous people whom the Esmonds knew. Mrs. Esmond has many capital stories to tell. One reads with sympathetic interest her account of her husband's career as actor, playwright and man. His was a most charming personality. Not less interesting is the unconscious revelation of the writer's own character—that of a gracious, lovable woman who was popular among the people of her own profession as well as with the public. Those who look for malicious wit or lurid stories of stage-life will not find them in Miss Moore's book. Its interest lies in a natural and unpretentious story of two hard-working, but successful and happy, lives; in its tales of famous people, and in its gracious and sunny atmosphere.

"Exits and Entrances." By Eva Moore. London: Chapman and Hall. 18/- net.

TALES OF MYSTERY.

The art of Mr. Harry Clarke, like that of many other Irish artists, is known and appreciated far more widely in Great Britain than in his own country. Many people were surprised, when the Irish National Memorial Records were published, to find that Ireland possessed an illustrator of such genius. Yet Mr. Clarke has been working quietly for several years in his little studio in North Frederick street, Dublin, and now he has gained a reputation which is second only to that of Dulac as an illustrator of beautiful books. The work of Edgar Allen Poe needs no recommendation to the Irish public. His "Tales of Mystery and Imagination" stand high in imaginative literature, and Mr. Harry Clarke has given them a new charm by his wonderful drawings. The book is a new edition, but the illustrations, like the stories, have a permanent value.

Mr. Clarke owes a great deal to Aubrey Beardsley. His figures have the same slanting eyes, the same languid grace and the same exotic charm as those of the great artist whose style set both an artistic and a literary fashion towards the end of the last century. But Mr. Clarke is far from being a mere imitator. His Poe illustrations undoubtedly show the influence of Beardsley, but they possess also a quality which is peculiar to Mr. Clarke. There is something queerly fantastic about nearly all his work, and that is the quality which is wanted particularly by anybody who attempts to illustrate Poe. The book is full of beautiful drawings, some in black and white, some coloured in lovely tints. Mr. Clarke never allows them to become too gruesome or too grotesque; there is always just that little touch of realism about them which saves them from distortion, and the most highly imaginative of his drawings seems to be quite natural. That, perhaps, is the secret of Poe, as well as of Mr. Clarke, and, as one reads through the book, one feels that the sympathy between the author and his talented interpreter is complete.

"Tales of Mystery and Imagination." By Edgar Allen Poe. With illustrations by Harry Clarke. London: Harrap. 21/- net.

THE HAMPSHIRE GATE.

The aim of this book is to introduce the reader to the study of the inter-action of geographical and historical factors in the development of a region; and this region is the Hampshire basin, surrounding Southampton, and the valley of the Itchen, which runs down from Alresford to the sea. The Itchen was a navigable water-way in the Middle Ages, when Winchester and Southampton were trading centres of importance. The mediæval prosperity of the region diminished slowly with the decline of the English wool trade and the loss of the English possessions in France. There are chapters on the modern vegetation and agriculture of the Itchen basin, roads, the growth and modern development of Southampton and the place-names of the district.

We commend this book to all who know Winchester and Southampton and the delightful old market town of Alresford, and to all who have walked, or are thinking of walking, over these Downs.

"The Hampshire Gate." By H. G. Dent. London: Ernest Benn. 8/6 net.

AN EXILE'S BUNDLE.

This exile's bundle consists of a series of articles reprinted from the *Manchester Guardian*. We are given sketches, rather than stories, but they sound almost the full gamut of modern Irish life. Spendthrift landlords who die in the workhouse, old Fenians, men on the run, students in Dublin "digs," and Irish journalists hammering out a livelihood in Fleet street say their parts in these pages. Life in Cork is lovingly told, as only the Corkman can tell it, when he would give all his London success to be back on the Douglas road or watching the Lee steeped in the sorrowful haze; and then we turn to some street off the South Circular road in Dublin, where a little music-teacher lived, at least in Mr. O'Leary's pages. The Trinity student is swept away by "the movement," and then we have the old schoolmaster, somewhat of the Fou Yégoff, who prophesies bloody wars in Ireland. We are grateful for this volume.

"An Exile's Bundle." By Con O'Leary. London: Melrose. 5/- net.

RECENT FICTION.

Mr. Blaker is a realist, and in his "romance of the little things," as he puts it, there is a tinge of the unsatisfying quality of life itself, with its inexplicable happenings and "broken arcs." The first half of the book treats of Kitty (Mrs. Bagney), difficult, bizarre, and alluring, whom Castleton, in his capacity of clerk to a tourist agency, escorts to Baku. The description of the nightmare of their comfortless journey is admirable. With the disappearance, ultimately, of the woman who fills his life, Castleton's story loses something, but by this time he has sufficiently captured our interest to make us follow him valiantly in a retrospection of earlier days. His marriage to Queenie Breyer, heroine of that former time, is to be expected when she crosses his path again; and Castleton admits, at the finish, to a certain Geoffery Breyer Castleton, aged seven, "these pages are for you to read."

"Geoffery Castleton, Passenger." By Richard Blaker. Cape. 7/6 net.

"Doomsland" is the story of the breaking up of an old Irish family. It is topical and semi-autobiographical, and it introduces figures which, in spite of altered names, are easily recognisable by Irish readers. The first part of the book is the best. In it Mr. Shane Leslie describes old times among the landed gentry in Ireland. Then, in a psychological tracing of the hero's character, he drifts from romance to actuality, and in a jumble of events, which are inartistically mixed and insufficiently observed, he depicts tendencies and movements that broke up the old order and left place for the new. There are some rousing descriptions of electioneering, which will recall many similar experiences to the reader; but in the characterisation Mr. Leslie only succeeds in giving an illusion of reality.

"Doomsland." By Shane Leslie. Chatto and Windus. 7/6 net.

Since her success in winning the John Long prize, Miss Morrison has published a number of novels. "There was a Veil" is a story of high life with society beauties, divorces, aristocratic villains and adoring peers. The plot is a complicated one, in which the long arm of coincidence plays an important part; and the hero, Lord Lennox, is a handsome savage, with all the qualities of the cave-man of fiction. The ending, however, is far from satisfactory; for we never discover whether Lady Clive really turns her back on her lover, or whether his trip to Jamaica is only a passing separation. The veil which obtrudes itself over the future is wafted before the reader as well as before the heroine.

"There was a Veil." By Emmeline Morrison. Long. 7/6 net.

In this tale of a girl's life Miss Peterson touches upon war days in London, and presents a striking picture of the over-charged atmosphere of 1914. Bridget Handley comes to London to seek her fortune, makes several staunch friends, and achieves prosperity through her first book. Her marriage to Martin Knowles, whom she nurses in a Red Cross hospital, is not to be easily understood, as they are of widely different temperaments; but her love for the magnetic McDermott later seems inevitable. Violence and despair are the outcome of the tangle, and there is a depressing note throughout the book.

"The First Stone." By Margaret Peterson. Hurst and Blackett. 7/6 net.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS.

With every new Christmas publishers produce a greater variety of children's books, carefully planned to suit all ages and tastes. For the very little ones, "Toddles' Annual" (Collins, 3s. 6d. net) would make a suitable and inexpensive gift. The print is bold and clear, and the nursery rhymes, illustrated in colour, are such as the kiddies will learn easily. The "Tot and Tim Annual" (Collins, 3s. 6d. net) is a little more advanced and contains stories, new games, and pictures of the humorous type which appeal to children. "Collins' Children's Annual" (5s. net) is full of good fairy and domestic stories. The illustrations are by a variety of artists, but those by Mr. Charles Robinson are worthy of special mention.

Perhaps one of the most charming books for children is "The Anne Anderson Fairy Tale Book" (Nelson, 10s. 6d. net). It is beautifully illustrated, and contains many of the old favourites in new and attractive form. "The Children's Treasury" (Nelson, 3s. 6d. net) is composed more on magazine lines. It would make a good schoolroom or nursery book, as it contains, in addition to short stories, articles on birds and flowers calculated to arouse the children's interest without overloading them with details. There are also some puzzles and conundrums and a selection of poems.

"Blackies' Children's Annual" (5s. net) is attractively got up, but has less variety than the others. It consists chiefly of short stories by well-known writers for children, with numerous black and white illustrations and a few simple coloured ones which the kiddies may try to copy.

"The Youngsters' Budget" (Dean, 3s. 6d. net) contains stories drawn chiefly from animal life. One in which a pixie sets up a shop and sells to his customers the garments they secretly covet is particularly good. The thought of Mr. Badger arrayed in the woodpecker's coat or Freddie Frog enveloped in Mr. Mole's thick fur is sure to be greeted with shouts of laughter.

Collins' "Schoolboy Annual" (5s. net) is the best of all this publisher's productions. There are school stories in it by writers as well known as Alec Waugh and Harold Avery, and some excellent articles on matters of interest to boys, including instructions how to make a wireless receiving set.

As usual, girls' school fare does not reach quite the high standard that is set for boys, and Collins' "Schoolgirl Annual" (5s. net), although it contains good articles on photoprinting by gas light, art needlework, and poster printing, falls short in the story-telling. The discerning schoolgirl is always quick to observe the note of unreality in so-called pictures of school life. It is probably on this account that little girls so often prefer boys' books. "Collins' Adventure Annual" (5s. net) is full of thrills and excitement. Brigands, wild animal hunts, secret passages, and mysterious treasure finds fill the bill, and there are in addition articles on electricity and plans for making model gliders which will appeal to mechanically-minded boys.

"Blackie's Boys' Annual" (5s. net) would make an acceptable gift for any boy, as it caters for all moods. Here he has school and adventure stories side by side with short articles on motor cycles, gramaphones, and parachutes, some sporting verse, and stories of exciting football and cricket matches.

A moderately-priced book for the youngster who "wants to be an engine driver" is "My Picture Book of Railways" (Ward Lock and Co., 1s. 6d. net), in which he can read for himself about all sorts of railways.

Some people prefer a more serious type of book for the children at Christmas; and to them we would recommend "The Old, Old Story" (Collins, 12s. 6d. net). Here in attractive form they can read, without the difficulties of the original, the familiar Bible stories. The illustrations by William Pratt are very artistic, and have an old-fashioned charm about them which one likes to associate with the sacred narrative.

THE SHIP THAT SAILED TO MARS.

First place amongst this season's Christmas gift books must surely be awarded to Mr. Timlin's splendid volume, with its artistic letter-press and beautiful pictures. The story is a pure fantasy, which will delight all children. Every chapter is illustrated by a picture in colour, but it is not so much the story as the illustrations which give the book its charm and distinction. In these one finds work worthy to compare with that of Rackham and Dulac, added to a power of depicting the grimly grotesque which reminds one of Sime's famous pictures of thirty years ago. At the same time, we must add that Mr. Timlin's work has a perfectly distinct note of its own. To mention half of the pictures is impossible; we can only select for special praise "The Star of the Classical Myths," with its exquisite pictures of Calypso's isle, the Argo, Phœcus and the Dryad, Orpheus and Eurydice, and the wonderful "Pirate's Planet." At the end, too, there is a splendid picture of the palace exterior, rising on a hill-top.

The volume is, indeed, rather a picture gallery than a book, and its production is a credit to the publishers. It will fascinate not merely the children, for whom, presumably, it is primarily intended, but also older people who possess a love of beauty and have not forgotten the dreams and fairy-tales of their youth. As a superlative Christmas gift this magnificent volume could not easily be surpassed.

"The Ship that Sailed to Mars." A Fantasy, told and pictured by William M. Timlin. London: Harrap. 42s. net.

A CHILD'S CLASSIC.

Charles Kingsley, when he wrote "The Heroes," gave to the world not only a child's book *par excellence*, but a classic which will endure as long as the English language is understood. To it successive generations of children may always be counted on to give a rapturous welcome equal to that with which it was greeted by the first circle of youngsters to whom it unfolded the wonders of Greek mythology. In "The Heroes, or Greek Fairy Tales" (abridged), produced by Raphael Tuck, we have a beautiful book, clearly printed on excellent paper and most effectively illustrated. The pictures, in black and colour, by Howard Davis, are dignified and imaginative, and will be a joy to every child.

"The Heroes, or Greek Fairy Tales" (Abridged). By Charles Kingsley. Illustrated by Howard Davis. London: Raphael Tuck. 6/- net.

TINKELLY WINKLE.

Miss Netta Syrett has already won her laurels as a writer of some novels which were characterised by a clear insight into the mainsprings of human actions and by careful delineations of the individualities that she portrayed. With equal success she adapted her facile pen to the writing of children's books. That before us, though not her first, is one of peculiar and simple charms. Those imaginative children who wandered with her through "Godmother's Garden," and made the acquaintance of Godmother Honeysweet, will rejoice with her now in the innocent adventures of her heroines, Sylvia and Rosaleen, accompanied by their affectionate Tony. So many and varied were their surprising experiences that it would be impossible to hint at them all here, even if that would not spoil the reading of this delightful book for the boys and girls who were waiting for it.

"Tinkelly Winkle." By Netta Syrett. London: Lane. 6s. net.

BEARS AND CATS.

Mr. Grant Richards caters excellently for the little folks this Christmas season, and among the books published by him "Twinklyeyes," the amazing story of a little black bear, enlivened by spirited illustrations, should be in brisk demand. The courage and resource displayed by Twinklyeyes in the hazardous daily life of the woods and his craft in looting a honey-store will be sure to enchant small readers.

The manner in which the "Tinker's Wife's" wishes come true, and restore to their original forms the horde of black cats which she and the tinker encounter in the cave they make their home, is of the best magic, and the cats are artistically depicted upon every page in all shapes and forms.

"Twinklyeyes." By Allen Chaffee. Illustrated by Peter Daru. 5s. net.
"The Black Cats and the Tinker's Wife." By Margaret and Mary Baker. 2s. 6d. net. London: Grant Richards.

SHIPS AND RAILWAYS.

Messrs. Ward Lock's two splendidly illustrated volumes on ships and railways should have a large run of popularity. They are just such books as will delight our boys, and they are very cheap in price. The volume dealing with ships will doubtless be the more popular of the two, for the call of the sea is in our blood. Also a ship has a long history behind it, and it appeals to the spirit of romance and daring that lurks in every boy's heart.

"Ships for All." By Frank C. Bowen.
"Railways for All." By J. F. Cairns. London: Ward, Lock. Each 5/- net.

DEAN'S RAG BOOKS AND TOYS.

Messrs. Dean's indestructible rag books reappear this year as pleasing and as untearable as ever. All the children's favourites are included in their comprehensive range—monkeys, dogs, cats, rabbits, elephants and bears, together with every conceivable type of doll; and all are "hygenically" kapok-stuffed. Messrs. Dean's toys this year are thoroughly up-to-date, and we now have life-like representations of Jackie Coogan and George Robey contending with the older favourites for first place in the children's affections. A special word must be given to the lion cubs, whose advent coincided with the recent birth of their now famous prototypes at the London "Zoo." They will be taken to the hearts of any kiddies who are lucky enough to become possessed of them.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Biography.

Memories of Many Years, 1839-1922. By Archbishop Seton. London: Long. 15/- net.
Things that Were. By Canon S. Cooper Scott. London: Christophers. 12/6 net.

Fiction.

Faithful Philanderers. By Basil Macdonald Hastings. Long. 7/6 net.
A Brilliant Season. By Nat Gould. Long. 7/6 net.
The Valley of Lies. By George Goodchild. Long. 7/6 net.
Seraph Wings. By Colonel Arthur Lynch. Long. 7/6 net.
The Able McLaughlins. By Margaret Wilson. Long. 7/6 net.
Sphinx. By David Lindsay. Long. 7/6 net.
Null and Void. By Mina Holt. Long. 7/6 net.
West of the Water Tower. "Anonymous." Long. 7/6 net.
His Lady Secretary. By John L. Carter. Long. 7/6 net.
Many Engagements. By J. S. Fletcher. Long. 7/6 net.
The Hare of Heaven. By Leonora Eyles. Melrose. 7/6 net.
The Wreck of the Andromeda. By Harry Collingwood. Sampson Low. 6/- net.
The Scourge of the Moors. By H. Turing Bruce. Sampson Low. 6/- net.
The Isle of Drums. By J. Allan Dunn. Hurst and Blackett. 7/6 net.

Miscellaneous.

A Tract on Monetary Reform. By John Maynard Keynes. London: Macmillan. 7/6 net.
The Oil Trusts and Anglo-American Relations. By E. H. Davenport and Sidney Russell Cooke. London: Macmillan. 7/6 net.
Rome or Death: The Story of Fascism. By Carleton Beals. London: Long. 12/6 net.
Whitaker's Almanack, 1924. By Joseph Whitaker. London: Whitaker. 6/- net.
Old Jim Nasium. By Thomas Jay. London: Hutchinson. 3/6 net.
Our Favourite Painters. By Stewart Dick. Edinburgh: Foulis. 6/- net.
Your Fate and the Cards. By Ivan Forbes. London: Hutchinson. 1/6 net.
Favourite Musical Performers. By Sydney Grew. Edinburgh: Foulis. 6/- net.
Watch Dogs. By Lieutenant-Colonel E. H. Richardson. London: Hutchinson. 7/6 net.
"Our Dumb Friends" League. By W. B. Maxwell. London: "Our Dumb Friends" League. 2/6 net.
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CHRISTMAS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE GOVERNOR'S GIFTS.

The Governor of Northern Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn have sent a donation of £15 to the Lord Mayor of Belfast and a donation of £10 to the Mayor of Londonderry, to be used as they may think fit for the provision of Christmas comforts in Belfast and Londonderry.

Their Graces have also sent donations to each of the following societies, to assist in their Christmas programmes:—The British Legion, the Ulster Ex-Service Men's Association, the Salvation Army, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Shankill Road Mission, and the Central Mission.

The Governor has received £50 from the Voluntary Hospitals' Commission, in London, of which the Earl of Onslow is President. This sum is part of the profits on the sale of the gramaphone record of the King and Queen's Empire Day message. The profits were given by the gramaphone company to the King, who ordered the Commission to distribute the money on His Majesty's behalf, and to send it to children's hospitals, with the suggestion that the donations should be used to provide additional Christmas comforts for the children. In accordance with the King's wish, the Governor has allocated this sum of £50 in equal proportions to the following hospitals in Northern Ireland:—The Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, Queen street; the Ulster Hospital for Children, Templemore avenue; the children's wards of the Royal Victoria and the Mater Infirmorum Hospitals, and to the six-county Infirmaries (children's wards) at the following towns:—Armagh, Downpatrick, Enniskillen, Lisburn, Londonderry and Omagh.

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BELFAST WOMAN GRANTED A DECREE.

Mrs. Mary Seth, of Leopold street, Belfast, was granted a divorce *a mensa et thoro* from her husband, David Seth, whose address was given as 19 Murray street, Maryhill, Glasgow, in the King's Bench Division, Belfast, yesterday, before the Lord Chief Justice.

The parties were married in a register office in England, when the husband was working as a male nurse. Afterwards they lived in Belfast, and later in Scotland. After the war she and her husband lived in Leopold street, Belfast. A Miss Annie Redmond came to live with them, and on one occasion the husband said that he loved the girl; that he could not live without her. In January, 1921, her husband disappeared, and three weeks later Annie Redmond left.

DISABLED LINER.

COURAGEOUS OFFICERS AND MEN REWARDED.

The sum of £500 was yesterday awarded by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, on behalf of the underwriters, to the officers and crew of the Yeoward liner, Aguila, for gallant behaviour.

On October 29, when two days out from Lisbon, the vessel's rudder broke in a gale, and she was in danger of being wrecked. Captain McPhee, Swansea, lowered himself into the sea to try and fix a tackle and wires on the after-end of the rudder, but was so buffeted by the heavy seas that he had to abandon the attempt. A jury rudder was next made and placed in position after much difficulty, but the swell knocked off some of the ballast, and it had to be taken aboard.

When the seas had somewhat decreased it was decided to risk a boat in the water. This was manned by the captain, the second engineer and two seamen, who, after four hours' perilous effort, during which the boat was stove in, succeeded in passing wires crosswise around the after-end of the rudder. The repaired rudder enabled the vessel to reach Funchal, the next port of call, without further mishap.

The captain received £200 of the amount awarded and a silver medal from Lloyds, and the chief engineer received £100. The remainder of the money was divided between the second engineer, the carpenter, the boatswain, and two seamen.

A substantial sum, subscribed by 48 first-class passengers on the liner, was given to seamen's charities.

COUNTY DUBLIN RATES.

FARMERS' DEMANDS.

An important meeting of the Rates Committee of the County Dublin Farmers' Association was held yesterday in the City Arms Hotel, Dublin. The meeting was convened for the purpose of considering the reply received from the Minister for Local Government to the representations made by the farmers' and ratepayers' deputation, received on the 10th inst., with reference to the high rates levied by the County Dublin County Council.

It was decided to ask the Minister to give a more definite reply to the very definite proposals put before him on the 10th inst. Those present, who represented all parts of the county, were unanimous in the belief that the farmers and ratepayers generally would be driven to take drastic action unless the Government met fairly the demand put before them.

A resolution was passed unanimously urging the Government to introduce legislation immediately so as to enable the Local Government elections to be held before the beginning of next financial year.

PUBLICITY CLUB OF IRELAND.

THE COMING ADVERTISING CONVENTION.

At the last meeting of the Council of the Publicity Club of Ireland letters of interest to the business community of the Free State were received from the Secretary of the International Convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. It was stated that so great was the booking of hotel accommodation for London in July next, when the convention will be held, that, unless the Publicity Club were soon able to arrange for a definite reservation for those who purpose to travel over from the Free State, it might be impossible to accommodate them.

Already it is known that about fifty members of the Club and their friends will travel to London for this convention, and it is certain that many more will decide to do so within the next few weeks. It is of importance that accommodation should be reserved quickly, and the Council wish it to be known that any business man who is directly or indirectly associated with publicity, whether a member of the Publicity Club or not, may arrange to participate in the club delegation.

The convention will be held during the week July 14-19 in the British Empire Exhibition buildings at Wembley Park, London. Many of America's greatest business men are definitely booked to attend the convention and give the benefit of their great experience. Outstanding figures in British business circles will also take part in the deliberations, and at the request of the Convention Executive the Executive Council of the Publicity Club are putting forward suggestions as to how the Irish Free State can most effectively participate.

Those who intend going to London in connection with the convention are urged to send their names at once for registration to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Brian D. O'Kennedy, the Publicity Club of Ireland, 55 Middle Abbey street, Dublin.

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WATERFORD COMPANY'S CLAIM.

WAR COMPENSATION AWARDS.

In the third report of the War Compensation Court, issued yesterday, judgment is recorded in the claim of Samuel Morris, Ltd., of Waterford, in respect of the requisitioning of three steamers, the Daisy, the Celtic Pride, and the Lough Fisher.

At the dates when these vessels were requisitioned the claimant company was not in existence, not having been formed until 22nd November, 1919. Mr. Samuel Morris, now a director of the claimant company, was himself personally carrying on business at Waterford as a coal and timber merchant, and had chartered the steamers for the purposes of his business. The charters of the Daisy and the Celtic Pride had expired, and the Lough Fisher had been released and sunk before the claimant company was formed. No notice of claim by the present claimants was given to the tribunal until November, 1922, which was not within one year from the termination of the war, 31st August, 1921, nor was it, in the opinion of the Court, within one year from the date when the transaction giving rise to the claims took place. That being so, the claim of 24th November, 1922, was out of time and must fail. The Court, however, thought it right to make their order without prejudice to any claim, or any amendment of any claim, which had been made by Mr. Samuel Morris, or which he might be advised to make, but must not be understood as encouraging him to take any such proceedings.

LONDONDERRY GRENADES.

Judgment was also recorded in the claim of Craig's Engineering Works, Londonderry, for £1,033, being the value which the then owner put upon a quantity of grenades seized at the works in January, 1919, by the military authorities.

The Court said that the seizure was made under an order of the military Commander-in-Chief in Ireland in 1918, prohibiting throughout Ireland the carrying, having or keeping of firearms, military arms, ammunition or explosive substances, unless such articles were under effective military control. The seizure was made in consequence of the discovery that the covering of a bomb used by rebels in an attack on the Derry Prison had been of the claimant's manufacture. No imputation was made against the claimant's loyalty or *bona fides*, but it was the discovery that set the authorities in motion. It was suggested that because the claimant was making shells for the Admiralty at the time of the seizure, he came within an exception to the Order. But the Court could not give that meaning to the exception. There was no evidence of anything amounting to a permission in writing within the meaning of its language.

The Court were of opinion that a manufacturer in the position of the claimant was within the operation of the Order, and they were of the opinion that the claim should be dismissed. They expressed no opinion as regarded the claimant's right, if any, under his contract with the Government. They had proceeded on the basis that the claimant's was a claim as regards which compensation was to be fixed under the schedule of the Indemnity Act. If they were wrong, and it was held that the claimant was otherwise entitled to compensation, they were of opinion it should be made on the basis of scrap value, which they estimated at the figure of £175.

CONFISCATED EXPLOSIVES.

Judgment, which is the subject of an appeal to the Court of Appeal, was given also in regard to the claims of J. D. Henderson, as liquidator of the Dunmanus Bay Barytes Company (in Tyrone), J. Burke, and the Tyrone and Carlow County Councils. Certain explosives of the Barytes Company were seized and confiscated. The claim of the company for £27 was allowed, the Court being of opinion that the seizure was a direct and particular interference with the property of the claimants. In reference to Burke's claim, which was under similar circumstances, a claim for £21 8s. 6d. was allowed. Judgment was given for the County Councils for £5 9s. 2½d. and £2 6s. 9d., respectively, as these cases were similar to Burke's claim.

WHISKEY DESTROYED.

DISTILLERS' BIG CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

The Recorder of Dublin yesterday awarded £1,700 on minor claims under the Damage to Property Act, 1922. One claim for £68,000 was put back for further hearing.

Messrs. Dunville and Company, whiskey distillers, made application for sums of £43,000 and £20,000 in respect of whiskey destroyed in bond at the Dublin Custom House when the Custom House was raided by armed men, who broke into the stores and allowed a huge quantity of whiskey to run to waste. The raid occurred on April 17, 1922.

Mr. Price, K.C., who, with Mr. Smyllie (instructed by Messrs. Bradley and Son), appeared for the applicants, explained that the outrage was not actually connected with the burning of the Custom House, but had relation to the Belfast boycott. The whiskey was to have been distributed to various distilleries. It was estimated that 181,825 gallons were destroyed, but Messrs. Dunville claimed only the actual value of 159,000 gallons.

Mr. Costello (instructed by Mr. Horan), for the State authorities, said his information was that 168,557½ gallons were destroyed, and that 10,000 gallons were saved.

Mr. A. J. Hughes, manager of the Custom House Docks, computed the loss of whiskey at 178,164 gallons.

Mr. Brownrigg, managing director of Messrs. Dunville, said that the whiskey was bought in 1914 and 1915, and put into bond in 1917. Questioned as to the possibility of replacing it, he pointed out that they had been unable to get any 1914 whiskey on the market.

The witness added that the damaged casks (in respect of which there was a claim for £5,000) were sold for £3,021 to the highest bidders—a firm in Scotland.

Mr. Costello—The casks could have been repaired in Dublin for £1,381.

Other evidence having been given, the Recorder said he would adjourn the hearing in order that further particulars as to prices and values might be obtained from the books of the applicants in Belfast.

Michael Finn, manager of the Bar dressing-room at the Castle, claimed £425 for wigs and gowns destroyed in the Four Courts. He was awarded £225.

Sums of £345 and £240 were allotted to Mr. F. G. Ellison and Miss Margaret S. Elvidge, respectively, for property lost on the occasion of the destruction of the Hibernian Bible Society's premises in Sackville street.

Other awards were:—Mr. Joseph Doyle, £210; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayes, £160; Messrs. Leverett and Frye, £102; Miss Rose Donnelly, £90; Mr. A. J. English, £75; Miss Ellen Dowling, £70; Messrs. Berkley and Farnell, £40.

There were several other awards for amounts ranging from £12 to £31.

THE BRITISH RAILWAY WAGES AWARD.

The Press Association understands that while the railway companies are disappointed with the finding of the Wages Board it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that it will be loyally accepted by them. Had their full claim been granted they anticipated realising economies totalling about £4,000,000, but they consider the Board's decision will not effect a material saving. The adjustments are regarded as comparatively minor ones, which will be heavily discounted by the retention of the sliding scale, under which grades affected are entitled to a rise of a shilling in January.

NEW SOLICITOR.

Mr. Desmond J. Collins, B.A., was admitted a solicitor on December 15 after a special examination, and intends to practise with his father, Mr. Eugene F. Collins, at 19 Eustace street, Dublin, to whom he had been apprenticed.

Books of the Week.

LORD LONG'S MEMORIES.

This is a negative book. Unlike the memories of other distinguished persons whom one could name, it contains no breaches of confidence, no indiscretions. It blackguards neither friend nor foe. There is no attempt at literary effect or striving to produce something novel. Vulgarities and banalities are equally absent. The author does not place himself in the limelight, nor does the world seem to revolve round his axis. It is, in fact, such a book as one might expect from a country gentleman of the old school who has looked upon life and found that it was good. He is interested more especially in his own class and in the lives of those below them with whom they are most intimately bound—the English agricultural community. Its ideals are his—love of king, country and Empire.

Viscount Long has well served his country. From 1886 to 1892 he was Parliamentary Secretary to the English Local Government Board; from 1895 to 1900 President of the English Board of Agriculture; from 1900 to 1905 and from 1915 to 1916 back at the Local Government Board as President; 1905 to 1906, Chief Secretary for Ireland; 1916 to 1918 Colonial Secretary, and 1918 to 1921 First Lord of the Admiralty—surely a record that falls to the lot of few save professional politicians, and Lord Long was not of these. It has probably been forgotten in the welter of war and post-war years that for much of the great English Local Government Act of 1888—the predecessor of the similar Irish Act of 1898—Mr. Long was responsible, that he stamped out hydrophobia in Great Britain in the face of the organised opposition of his own class, and that the recently repealed Act restricting the importation of Canadian cattle was passed when he was at the Board of Agriculture. Of the war-time undertaking which led to that repeal, he says: "I believe the original policy of 1896 was thoroughly justified. In similar circumstances I would act again as I acted then. On the other hand, I maintain that it was impossible to resist Sir Robert Borden's contention that immunity from disease for a quarter of a century had made it impossible to adhere to the old policy." He believes, however, that insufficient weight was given by the British Cabinet to the effect which wholesale importation would have on the breeding and stock-raising industry. Confidence in the success of the home industry tends to be weakened when cattle coming from immense ranches, not easy of supervision, are imported. It is the expression of views such as this, coming from a man of ripe and wide experience, that give a great value to these "Memories."

Such wisdom one finds in his reflections on Irish administration. We all know of the well-meaning Chief Secretaries of yesterday and of the M.P.'s, singly or in troops, who came to see for themselves and were humbugged by the inhabitants to the top of their bent, "not intentionally deceived, but gently and courteously misled." They are to be found in the flesh as well as in the pages of George Birmingham. Viscount Long, however, had Irish blood in his veins, and the country life which was his education brought him nearer in spirit to the people of Ireland. His acumen can be discovered in his remarks on the Royal Irish Constabulary. "They were a very sensitive body . . . very much given to looking to the Government in order to ascertain what the feeling of the moment was in regard to the discharge of their duties." Again, he touches the weak spot in Lord Macdonnell's appointment as Under-Secretary. "It was idle to expect that a man who had filled such important posts would be likely to consent to occupy a comparatively subordinate position." It was Walter Long's rather delicate task, if one may bluntly use the phrase, to put Sir Antony "in his place." Speaking, apparently, of the post of Under-Secretary, he says: "The Government of the day has invariably adopted the view that some brilliant Englishman, selected from one of the great departments of State, would be able to contribute to the better government of Ireland, and, notwithstanding that this policy has never succeeded, it has always been followed. . . . Both Ireland and Great Britain have to pay dearly for his experiments."

Unlike many other Ministers of the Crown, Viscount Long is always ready to grant his full meed of praise to the permanent civil servant, whether it be Sir Hugh Owen, of the English Local Government Board, or Sir Henry Robinson, of the Irish Board, or less known officials. It is this unfailing courtesy to all of whom he writes that makes the reader realise that here is the true English gentleman. He can have few enemies, since he sees the best in all men. Of John Redmond he writes, "a true Irish gentleman who really died of a broken heart." Only Germany does he even still distrust. "I firmly believe it to be true that the German mentality is different to that of any other nation. . . . I cannot help thinking that we ought to be governed by our experiences in all our future relations with the German people until they make it clear by a continuous series of acts, not by mere words, that they, too, profited by their sufferings and have learned their lesson."

We have in this review touched only the fringe of that portion of this book which deals with the author's public life, but it is only a portion. There is much interesting matter on social life in the 'seventies and 'eighties, including the pastime of coaching, then in its heyday, and of smoking at house parties, when bachelor smokers had to retire to the butler's pantry. Descriptions of elections of this period show how far adult suffrage—not to speak of women's votes—has carried us. Voters were confined practically to the boroughs and to the farmers, and, instead of the transferable vote, special consignments of transferable electors were held in readiness to be rushed to hard-pressed constituencies. No doubt, our present methods are more commendable, but those of the past were more exciting. Would that all our memories were as clear as that of Viscount Long: then what tales would be ours to tell when the twentieth century is growing old!

"Memories." By the Right Hon. Viscount Long of Wraxall. London: Hutchinson. 24/- net.

PLAYS AND CONTROVERSIES.

Many of the difficulties with which Mr. W. B. Yeats and the other pioneers of the Irish drama were faced are to-day things of the past. The Irish Theatre has now been in existence for over twenty years, and has justified itself by its admirable productions and the consistently high standard which it continues to observe. Mr. Yeats expresses the hope that in the near future the foundation of the Irish State theatre may be considered, and it is with this hope in mind that he has collected the scattered notes which, in an occasional publication called *Samhain*, kept the aims and the ideals of the then new movement before the public eye. These aims and ideals persist, and, although much that Mr. Yeats had to say twenty years ago has little bearing on the modern problems confronting Irish drama, it is interesting to follow in these pages the birth and growth of a movement which produced, and is still producing, drama that can hold its own with that of any nation in the world.

Most of Mr. Yeats's pet theories are now known to the public. He pleads for simplicity of costume, delivery and scene, so that nothing may divert the attention of the audience from the beauty of the words. His views on delivery are, perhaps, the most likely to be disputed. His theory is that the actor should speak his words on a few musical notes; but, although this is distinct from a monotonous chant—which, he admits, sends him to sleep—the effect of any such artificial delivery would almost inevitably irritate the listener. It requires a poet to intone with effect.

Mr. Yeats includes in this volume six of his own plays. Of these "The Countess Cathleen" and "The Land of Heart's Desire" are well known to all his admirers. The remaining four are the "Plays for Dancers," which first appeared two years ago, and are modelled on lines suggested by the Japanese Noh stage.

"Plays and Controversies." By W. B. Yeats. London: Macmillan. 10/6 net.

EXITS AND ENTRANCES.

Miss Eva Moore and her husband, the late H. V. Esmond, occupied for many years a prominent position in the dramatic world. Both were successful and popular actors, and Mr. Esmond was also a well-known writer of plays. It is not surprising, therefore, that Mrs. Esmond has been able to write a book which, if it contains nothing very thrilling or noteworthy, is certainly interesting. Her family, who lived at Brighton, had no previous connection with the stage, and her father was strongly opposed to her becoming an actress; but she was determined to make a career for herself and to earn her own living. Before she made her *début* in stage life Miss Moore taught dancing at Brighton. Among the pupils was a small red-headed boy. "He was the naughtiest boy in the class," says Miss Moore; "I used to think sometimes he must be the naughtiest small boy in the world. His name was Winston Churchill."

The early years of Miss Moore's stage career were by no means easy or prosperous. In 1891 she married Mr. Esmond, and for some time their combined finances were only barely sufficient. Her experiences in Ireland, when on tour with George Alexander in 1902, were of a varied nature. In Belfast the Opera House was partly under water owing to a flood, and, to make matters worse, several of the company fell ill. The climax of their misfortunes was reached when, on arriving in Dublin, Miss Moore herself developed shingles, but Dr. Little, of Merrion square, soon made life bearable again.

Not the least enjoyable portions of the book consist of sketches and descriptions of the many famous people whom the Esmonds knew. Mrs. Esmond has many capital stories to tell. One reads with sympathetic interest her account of her husband's career as actor, playwright and man. His was a most charming personality. Not less interesting is the unconscious revelation of the writer's own character—that of a gracious, lovable woman who was popular among the people of her own profession as well as with the public. Those who look for malicious wit or lurid stories of stage-life will not find them in Miss Moore's book. Its interest lies in a natural and unpretentious story of two hard-working, but successful and happy, lives; in its tales of famous people, and in its gracious and sunny atmosphere.

"Exits and Entrances." By Eva Moore. London: Chapman and Hall. 15/- net.

TALES OF MYSTERY.

The art of Mr. Harry Clarke, like that of many other Irish artists, is known and appreciated far more widely in Great Britain than in his own country. Many people were surprised, when the Irish National Memorial Records were published, to find that Ireland possessed an illustrator of such genius. Yet Mr. Clarke has been working quietly for several years in his little studio in North Frederick street, Dublin, and now he has gained a reputation which is second only to that of Dulac as an illustrator of beautiful books. The work of Edgar Allen Poe needs no recommendation to the Irish public. His "Tales of Mystery and Imagination" stand high in imaginative literature, and Mr. Harry Clarke has given them a new charm by his wonderful drawings. The book is a new edition, but the illustrations, like the stories, have a permanent value.

Mr. Clarke owes a great deal to Aubrey Beardsley. His figures have the same slanting eyes, the same languid grace and the same exotic charm as those of the great artist whose style set both an artistic and a literary fashion towards the end of the last century. But Mr. Clarke is far from being a mere imitator. His Poe illustrations undoubtedly show the influence of Beardsley, but they possess also a quality which is peculiar to Mr. Clarke. There is something queerly fantastic about nearly all his work, and that is the quality which is wanted particularly by anybody who attempts to illustrate Poe. The book is full of beautiful drawings, some in black and white, some coloured in lovely tints. Mr. Clarke never allows them to become too gruesome or too grotesque; there is always just that little touch of realism about them which saves them from distortion, and the most highly imaginative of his drawings seems to be quite natural. That, perhaps, is the secret of Poe, as well as of Mr. Clarke, and, as one reads through the book, one feels that the sympathy between the author and his talented interpreter is complete.

"Tales of Mystery and Imagination." By Edgar Allen Poe. With illustrations by Harry Clarke. London: Harrap. 21/- net.

THE HAMPSHIRE GATE.

The aim of this book is to introduce the reader to the study of the inter-action of geographical and historical factors in the development of a region; and this region is the Hampshire basin, surrounding Southampton, and the valley of the Itchen, which runs down from Alresford to the sea. The Itchen was a navigable water-way in the Middle Ages, when Winchester and Southampton were trading centres of importance. The mediæval prosperity of the region diminished slowly with the decline of the English wool trade and the loss of the English possessions in France. There are chapters on the modern vegetation and agriculture of the Itchen basin, roads, the growth and modern development of Southampton and the place-names of the district.

We commend this book to all who know Winchester and Southampton and the delightful old market town of Alresford, and to all who have walked, or are thinking of walking, over these Downs.

"The Hampshire Gate." By H. G. Dent. London: Ernest Benn. 8/6 net.

AN EXILE'S BUNDLE.

This exile's bundle consists of a series of articles reprinted from the *Manchester Guardian*. We are given sketches, rather than stories, but they sound almost the full gamut of modern Irish life. Spendthrift landlords who die in the workhouse, old Fenians, men on the run, students in Dublin "digs," and Irish journalists hammering out a livelihood in Fleet street say their parts in these pages. Life in Cork is lovingly told, as only the Corkman can tell it, when he would give all his London success to be back on the Douglas road or watching the Lee steeped in the sorrowful haze; and then we turn to some street off the South Circular road in Dublin, where a little music-teacher lived, at least in Mr. O'Leary's pages. The Trinity student is swept away by "the movement," and then we have the old schoolmaster, somewhat of the Fou Yégoff, who prophesies bloody wars in Ireland. We are grateful for this volume.

"An Exile's Bundle." By Con O'Leary. London: Melrose. 5/- net.

RECENT FICTION.

Mr. Blaker is a realist, and in his "romance of the little things," as he puts it, there is a tinge of the unsatisfying quality of life itself, with its inexplicable happenings and "broken arcs." The first half of the book treats of Kitty (Mrs. Bagney), difficult, bizarre, and alluring, whom Castleton, in his capacity of clerk to a tourist agency, escorts to Baku. The description of the nightmare of their comfortless journey is admirable. With the disappearance, ultimately, of the woman who fills his life, Castleton's story loses something, but by this time he has sufficiently captured our interest to make us follow him valiantly in a retrospection of earlier days. His marriage to Queenie Breyer, heroine of that former time, is to be expected when she crosses his path again; and Castleton admits, at the finish, to a certain Geoffrey Breyer Castleton, aged seven, "these pages are for *you* to read."

"Geoffery Castleton, Passenger." By Richard Blaker. Cape. 7/6 net.

"Doomsland" is the story of the breaking up of an old Irish family. It is topical and semi-autobiographical, and it introduces figures which, in spite of altered names, are easily recognisable by Irish readers. The first part of the book is the best. In it Mr. Shane Leslie describes old times among the landed gentry in Ireland. Then, in a psychological tracing of the hero's character, he drifts from romance to actuality, and in a jumble of events, which are inartistically mixed and insufficiently observed, he depicts tendencies and movements that broke up the old order and left place for the new. There are some rousing descriptions of electioneering, which will recall many similar experiences to the reader; but in the characterisation Mr. Leslie only succeeds in giving an illusion of reality.

"Doomsland." By Shane Leslie. Chatto and Windus. 7/6 net.

Since her success in winning the John Long prize, Miss Morrison has published a number of novels. "There was a Veil" is a story of high life with society beauties, divorces, aristocratic villains and adoring peers. The plot is a complicated one, in which the long arm of coincidence plays an important part; and the hero, Lord Lennox, is a handsome savage, with all the qualities of the cave-man of fiction. The ending, however, is far from satisfactory; for we never discover whether Lady Clive really turns her back on her lover, or whether his trip to Jamaica is only a passing separation. The veil which obtrudes itself over the future is wafted before the reader as well as before the heroine.

"There was a Veil." By Emmeline Morrison. Long. 7/6 net.

In this tale of a girl's life Miss Peterson touches upon war days in London, and presents a striking picture of the over-charged atmosphere of 1914. Bridget Handley comes to London to seek her fortune, makes several staunch friends, and achieves prosperity through her first book. Her marriage to Martin Knowles, whom she nurses in a Red Cross hospital, is not to be easily understood, as they are of widely different temperaments; but her love for the magnetic McDermott later seems inevitable. Violence and despair are the outcome of the tangle, and there is a depressing note throughout the book.

"The First Stone." By Margaret Peterson. Hurst and Blackett. 7/6 net.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS.

With every new Christmas publishers produce a greater variety of children's books, carefully planned to suit all ages and tastes. For the very little ones, "Toddles' Annual" (Collins, 3s. 6d. net) would make a suitable and inexpensive gift. The print is bold and clear, and the nursery rhymes, illustrated in colour, are such as the kiddies will learn easily. The "Tot and Tim Annual" (Collins, 3s. 6d. net) is a little more advanced and contains stories, new games, and pictures of the humorous type which appeal to children. "Collins' Children's Annual" (5s. net) is full of good fairy and domestic stories. The illustrations are by a variety of artists, but those by Mr. Charles Robinson are worthy of special mention.

Perhaps one of the most charming books for children is "The Anne Anderson Fairy Tale Book" (Nelson, 10s. 6d. net). It is beautifully illustrated, and contains many of the old favourites in new and attractive form. "The Children's Treasury" (Nelson, 3s. 6d. net) is composed more on magazine lines. It would make a good schoolroom or nursery book, as it contains, in addition to short stories, articles on birds and flowers calculated to arouse the children's interest without overloading them with details. There are also some puzzles and conundrums and a selection of poems.

"Blackies' Children's Annual" (5s. net) is attractively got up, but has less variety than the others. It consists chiefly of short stories by well-known writers for children, with numerous black and white illustrations and a few simple coloured ones which the kiddies may try to copy.

"The Youngsters' Budget" (Dean, 3s. 6d. net) contains stories drawn chiefly from animal life. One in which a pixie sets up a shop and sells to his customers the garments they secretly covet is particularly good. The thought of Mr. Badger arrayed in the woodpecker's coat or Freddie Frog enveloped in Mr. Mole's thick fur is sure to be greeted with shouts of laughter.

Collins' "Schoolboy Annual" (5s. net) is the best of all this publisher's productions. There are school stories in it by writers as well known as Alec Waugh and Harold Avery, and some excellent articles on matters of interest to boys, including instructions how to make a wireless receiving set.

As usual, girls' school fare does not reach quite the high standard that is set for boys, and Collins' "Schoolgirl Annual" (5s. net), although it contains good articles on photo-printing by gas light, art needlework, and poster printing, falls short in the story-telling. The discerning schoolgirl is always quick to observe the note of unreality in so-called pictures of school life. It is probably on this account that little girls so often prefer boys' books. "Collins' Adventure Annual" (5s. net) is full of thrills and excitement. Brigands, wild animal hunts, secret passages, and mysterious treasure finds fill the bill, and there are in addition articles on electricity and plans for making model gliders which will appeal to mechanically-minded boys.

"Blackie's Boys' Annual" (5s. net) would make an acceptable gift for any boy, as it caters for all moods. Here he has school and adventure stories side by side with short articles on motor cycles, gramaphones, and parachutes, some sporting verse, and stories of exciting football and cricket matches.

A moderately-priced book for the youngster who "wants to be an engine driver" is "My Picture Book of Railways" (Ward Lock and Co., 1s. 6d. net), in which he can read for himself about all sorts of railways.

Some people prefer a more serious type of book for the children at Christmas; and to them we would recommend "The Old, Old Story" (Collins, 12s. 6d. net). Here in attractive form they can read, without the difficulties of the original, the familiar Bible stories. The illustrations by William Pratt are very artistic, and have an old-fashioned charm about them which one likes to associate with the sacred narrative.

THE SHIP THAT SAILED TO MARS.

First place amongst this season's Christmas gift books must surely be awarded to Mr. Timlin's splendid volume, with its artistic letter-press and beautiful pictures. The story is a pure fantasy, which will delight all children. Every chapter is illustrated by a picture in colour, but it is not so much the story as the illustrations which give the book its charm and distinction. In these one finds work worthy to compare with that of Rackham and Dulac, added to a power of depicting the grimly grotesque which reminds one of Sime's famous pictures of thirty years ago. At the same time, we must add that Mr. Timlin's work has a perfectly distinct note of its own. To mention half of the pictures is impossible; we can only select for special praise "The Star of the Classical Myths," with its exquisite pictures of Calypso's isle, the Argo, Phœcus and the Dryad, Orpheus and Eurydice, and the wonderful "Pirate's Planet." At the end, too, there is a splendid picture of the palace exterior, rising on a hill-top.

The volume is, indeed, rather a picture gallery than a book, and its production is a credit to the publishers. It will fascinate not merely the children, for whom, presumably, it is primarily intended, but also older people who possess a love of beauty and have not forgotten the dreams and fairy-tales of their youth. As a superlative Christmas gift this magnificent volume could not easily be surpassed.

"The Ship that Sailed to Mars." A Fantasy, told and pictured by William M. Timlin. London: Harrap. 42s. net.

A CHILD'S CLASSIC.

Charles Kingsley, when he wrote "The Heroes," gave to the world not only a child's book *par excellence*, but a classic which will endure as long as the English language is understood. To its successive generations of children may always be counted on to give a rapturous welcome equal to that with which it was greeted by the first circle of youngsters to whom it unfolded the wonders of Greek mythology. In "The Heroes, or Greek Fairy Tales" (abridged), produced by Raphael Tuck, we have a beautiful book, clearly printed on excellent paper and most effectively illustrated. The pictures, in black and colour, by Howard Davie, are dignified and imaginative, and will be a joy to every child.

"The Heroes, or Greek Fairy Tales" (Abridged). By Charles Kingsley. Illustrated by Howard Davie. London: Raphael Tuck. 6/- net.

TINKELLY WINKLE.

Miss Netta Syrett has already won her laurels as a writer of some novels which were characterised by a clear insight into the mainsprings of human actions and by careful delineations of the individualities that she portrayed. With equal success she adapted her facile pen to the writing of children's books. That before us, though not her first, is one of peculiar and simple charms. Those imaginative children who wandered with her through "Godmother's Garden," and made the acquaintance of Godmother Honeysweet, will rejoice with her now in the innocent adventures of her heroines, Sylvia and Rosaleen, accompanied by their affectionate Tony. So many and varied were their surprising experiences that it would be impossible to hint at them all here, even if that would not spoil the reading of this delightful book for the boys and girls who were waiting for it.

"Tinkelly Winkle." By Netta Syrett. London: Lane. 5s. net.

BEARS AND CATS.

Mr. Grant Richards caters excellently for the little folks this Christmas season, and among the books published by him "Twinklyeyes," the amazing story of a little black bear, enlivened by spirited illustrations, should be in brisk demand. The courage and resource displayed by Twinklyeyes in the hazardous daily life of the woods and his craft in looting a honey-store will be sure to enchant small readers.

The manner in which the "Tinker's Wife's" wishes come true, and restore to their original forms the horde of black cats which she and the tinker encounter in the cave they make their home, is of the best magic, and the cats are artistically depicted upon every page in all shapes and forms.

"Twinklyeyes." By Allen Chaffee. Illustrated by Peter Daru. 5s. net.
"The Black Cats and the Tinker's Wife." By Margaret and Mary Baker. 2s. 6d. net. London: Grant Richards.

SHIPS AND RAILWAYS.

Messrs. Ward Lock's two splendidly illustrated volumes on ships and railways should have a large run of popularity. They are just such books as will delight our boys, and they are very cheap in price. The volume dealing with ships will doubtless be the more popular of the two, for the call of the sea is in our blood. Also a ship has a long history behind it, and it appeals to the spirit of romance and daring that lurks in every boy's heart.

"Ships for All." By Frank C. Bowen.
"Railways for All." By J. F. Cairns. London: Ward, Lock. Each 5/- net.

DEAN'S RAG BOOKS AND TOYS.

Messrs. Dean's indestructible rag books reappear this year as pleasing and as untearable as ever. All the children's favourites are included in their comprehensive range—monkeys, dogs, cats, rabbits, elephants and bears, together with every conceivable type of doll; and all are "hygenically" kapok-stuffed. Messrs. Dean's toys this year are thoroughly up-to-date, and we now have life-like representations of Jackie Coogan and George Robey contending with the older favourites for first place in the children's affections. A special word must be given to the lion cubs, whose advent coincided with the recent birth of their now famous prototypes at the London "Zoo." They will be taken to the hearts of any kiddies who are lucky enough to become possessed of them.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Biography.

Memories of Many Years, 1839-1922. By Archbishop Seton. London: Long. 15/- net.
Things that Were. By Canon S. Cooper Scott. London: Christophers. 12/6 net.

Fiction.

Faithful Philanderers. By Basil Macdonald Hastings. Long. 7/6 net.
A Brilliant Season. By Nat Gould. Long. 7/6 net.
The Valley of Lies. By George Goodchild. Long. 7/6 net.
Seraph Wings. By Colonel Arthur Lynch. Long. 7/6 net.
The Able McLaughlins. By Margaret Wilson. Long. 7/6 net.
Sphinx. By David Lindsay. Long. 7/6 net.
Null and Void. By Mina Holt. Long. 7/6 net.
West of the Water Tower. "Anonymous." Long. 7/6 net.
His Lady Secretary. By John L. Carter. Long. 7/6 net.
Many Engagements. By J. S. Fletcher. Long. 7/6 net.
The Hare of Heaven. By Leonora Eyles. Melrose. 7/6 net.
The Wreck of the Andromeda. By Harry Collingwood. Sampson Low. 6/- net.
The Scourge of the Moors. By H. Turing Bruce. Sampson Low. 6/- net.
The Isle of Drums. By J. Allan Dunn. Hurst and Blackett. 7/6 net.

Miscellaneous.

A Tract on Monetary Reform. By John Maynard Keynes. London: Macmillan. 7/6 net.
The Oil Trusts and Anglo-American Relations. By E. H. Davenport and Sidney Russell Cooke. London: Macmillan. 7/6 net.
Rome or Death: The Story of Fascism. By Carleton Beals. London: Long. 12/6 net.
Whitaker's Almanack, 1924. By Joseph Whitaker. London: Whitaker. 6/- net.
Old Jim Nasium. By Thomas Jay. London: Hutchinson. 3/6 net.
Our Favourite Painters. By Stewart Dick. Edinburgh: Foulis. 6/- net.
Your Fate and the Cards. By Ivan Forbes. London: Hutchinson. 1/6 net.
Favourite Musical Performers. By Sydney Grew. Edinburgh: Foulis. 6/- net.
Watch Dogs. By Lieutenant-Colonel E. H. Richardson. London: Hutchinson. 7/6 net.
"Our Dumb Friends" League. By W. B. Maxwell. London: "Our Dumb Friends" League. 2/6 net.
The Speaker's Bible, St. Luke. Vol. II. Edited by the Rev. James Hastings. Aberdeen: The Speaker's Bible Offices. 12/6 net.
Myths of Pre-Columbian America. By Donald A. Mackenzie. London: The Gresham Publishing Company. 12/6 net.
Myths of China and Japan. By Donald A. Mackenzie. London: The Gresham Publishing Company. 12/6 net.
Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage and Companionage. Edited by A. G. M. Hesilrige. London: Dean. 75/- net.

New Editions.

The Measure of Youth. By Emmeline Morrison. London: Long. 2/- net.
The Fatal Ruby. By Charles Garvice. London: Long. 2/- net.
The Viper of Milan. By Marjorie Bowen. London: Long. 2/- net.
Kingfisher Blue. By Halliwell Sutcliffe. London: Long. 2/6 net.
Patricia of Pall Mall. By Curtis Yorke. London: Long. 2/- net.
Letters. By the Righ Hon. Lady Mary Wortley Montagu. London: Long (The Carlton Classics). Cloth, 2/-; leather, 3/- net.
Arts and Crafts of Old Japan. By Steward Dick. Edinburgh: Foulis.

Translation.

Heliodorus: An Æthiopian Romance. Translated by Thomas Underdowne, 1587. Corrected and Edited by F. A. Wright. London: Routledge. 7/6 net.

Verse.

Songs o' the Wild. By Angus MacLir. London: Selwyn and Blount. 2/6 net.
Verses. By Ethel M. Dell. London: Hutchinson. 2/6 net.
Sheaves and Javelins. By Frank Hudson. London: Hutchinson. 8/- net.

CHRISTMAS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE GOVERNOR'S GIFTS.

The Governor of Northern Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn have sent a donation of £15 to the Lord Mayor of Belfast and a donation of £10 to the Mayor of Londonderry, to be used as they may think fit for the provision of Christmas comforts in Belfast and Londonderry.

Their Graces have also sent donations to each of the following societies, to assist in their Christmas programmes:—The British Legion, the Ulster Ex-Service Men's Association, the Salvation Army, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Shankill Road Mission, and the Central Mission.

The Governor has received £50 from the Voluntary Hospitals' Commission, in London, of which the Earl of Onslow is President. This sum is part of the profits on the sale of the gramaphone record of the King and Queen's Empire Day message. The profits were given by the gramaphone company to the King, who ordered the Commission to distribute the money on His Majesty's behalf, and to send it to children's hospitals, with the suggestion that the donations should be used to provide additional Christmas comforts for the children. In accordance with the King's wish, the Governor has allocated this sum of £50 in equal proportions to the following hospitals in Northern Ireland:—The Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, Queen street; the Ulster Hospital for Children, Templemore avenue; the children's wards of the Royal Victoria and the Mater Infirmorum Hospitals, and to the six-county infirmaries (children's wards) at the following towns:—Armagh, Downpatrick, Enniskillen, Lisburn, Londonderry and Omagh.

A contract has been placed with the Swiss airman, M. Comte, Director of the Hongen Dübendorf Flying School, for the construction of two seaplanes of his own design and for overhauling a series of Fokker and Hanriot fighting aircraft, which have been purchased by the Chinese War Minister.

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Dail Courts, 11 a.m.
Mansion House Coal Fund, 4 p.m.
"Messiah" at Brighton road Church, 8 p.m.
Rathmines Technical Institute Audit, 11 a.m.
Dublin Sessions, 11 a.m.

NO FLOGGING IN THE NAVY.

The Admiralty categorically deny the statement in a London newspaper yesterday that boys are punished for petty misdemeanours by flogging. A naval correspondent stated in the newspaper: "I have myself seen boys flogged almost to a point of unconsciousness."

"Absolutely untrue," said the Admiralty yesterday in answer to inquiries.

Flogging with the "cat" has long been abolished in the Navy. Birching can be inflicted only by sentences of courtmartial for unnatural crime, and in cases where the Admiralty consider it preferable to imprisonment or dismissal from the Service. There were three cases of birching in 1921, and there have been none since.

No works can be called efficient or progressive without the works chemist.—Viscount Burnham.

The Irish Times.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1923.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The Senate yesterday, although it was pressed to do so by the Minister of Fisheries, refused to withdraw an amendment that it had passed to the Fisheries Bill.—(Page 5.)

According to the latest police reports, Lieutenant Gaffney, who was arrested in connection with the murder of Thomas Brosnan at Scartaglin, and escaped from custody at Tralee, is still at large.—(Page 7.)

Sir William de Courcy Wheeler, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, distributed the prizes to the successful students yesterday.—(Page 6.)

It is stated that the wages of the Dublin Metropolitan Police are to be reduced by 10 per cent. on January 1st.—(Page 5.)

The Free State Post Office has made arrangements to deal with the Christmas "rush." The work of the staff will be facilitated by compliance with the request to "post early."—(Page 6.)

At a public meeting in Kingstown last night, under the auspices of the South County Dublin Ratepayers' and Development Association, it was decided to take steps to promote the formation of an independent borough, to include the four coastal townships and Rathdown No. 1 rural district. The proposed absorption of the townships by the City of Dublin was emphatically condemned.—(Page 6.)

At the annual meeting of the City of Dublin Hospital for Diseases of the Skin and Cancer yesterday, exception was taken to certain methods employed by other institutions in attracting the attention of the public when making appeals for funds.—(Page 8.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Yesterday in London the War Compensation Court gave judgment in a number of Irish claims regarding the requisitioning of steamers and the confiscation of explosives.—(Page 3.)

There was an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among dairy cattle in Newcastle yesterday. This was the first outbreak in the city for three weeks.—(Page 6.)

The British Government, it is reported, is ready to take strong measures against Afghanistan in the event of the Ameer continuing his efforts to cause trouble in several border tribes.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD.

The Pope, addressing the Cardinals at a Consistory in Rome yesterday, referred to the fact that in Ireland a settlement was "happily approaching." We have, added His Holiness, received comforting assurance of this in a recent pastoral letter from Cardinal Logue, which has been confirmed by later news.—(Page 5.)

Both Federals and rebels in Mexico claim to have the ascendancy. The fighting has evidently been severe, and there have been heavy casualties. No settlement is in sight.—(Page 7.)

An important meeting of the Reparations Commission takes place in Paris to-day.—(Page 5.)

SPORTING.

At Lansdowne road yesterday Cambridge University defeated Dublin University at Rugby football by 22 points to 17.—(Page 8.)

COMMERCIAL.

London Stock Markets had a better appearance, selling having apparently stopped. The close was firm.—(Page 9.)

Money was abundant in Lombard street, overnight loans going on at 1½ per cent. Discounts were steady. Foreign exchanges dull.—(Page 9.)

Dublin Market was extremely small, with indications here and there that prices have seen the worst.—(Page 9.)

The Senate.

The Free State Senate has asserted its rights in a very salutary fashion. During the present week it has been discussing the Fisheries Bill, which was introduced and passed in the *Dail*. On Wednesday the Senate adopted an amendment with the object of preventing the wholesale remission of fines—an ancient and absurd scandal. The amendment provides that fines shall be remitted only on the recommendation of the judge or justice who shall have imposed them. Yesterday, at the Report stage of the Bill, the Senate was invited to annul the decision which it had taken on the preceding day. The Government said that the Minister might be trusted to do his duty in the matter of fines, and urged that the prompt passing of the Bill was required by the welfare of the fisheries. If it became law immediately, it could be enforced during the remainder of the close season. If the Senate should stick to its amendment, the Bill must go back to the *Dail*, and therefore must be "held up" until the middle of January. By this argument the Senate was put in a very unfair position, but it stuck to its amendment. Rightly, it placed the blame for any loss that the fisheries might suffer on the Government's own shoulders. As Sir John Keane said, Ministers ought not to have assumed that the Bill was not controversial. They ought to have introduced it at a date which would have afforded reasonable time for discussion and amendment in both Houses.

We hope that the Senate's stand upon the Fisheries Bill marks the end of a bad practice. During the Parliament's early days the Government was faced with many hard tasks. It was fighting, as we may say, with one hand while it was trying to build up the nation with the other. Much swift legislation was demanded by perilous emergencies of State. Bills were hurried through the *Dail* and then were "thrown at" the Senate in circumstances which made their adoption, virtually without discussion, an actual test of patriotism. It was a case of—

"I sent a message to the fish;
I told them, 'This is what I wish'"—

and the Senatorial fish responded with the utmost loyalty. Now, however, the need of emergency legislation has passed, but the Government has been slow to abandon the practice of throwing bills at the Senate. It has continued to act as if a Minister's wishes are more sacred than the rights of the Upper Chamber of the *Oireachtas*. If the Senate had neglected to challenge this attitude as soon as the national interest allowed, it would have been false to itself and to the country; for it would have created a wrong and mischievous tradition. It has realised the danger, and to Mr. Lynch's request yesterday—

"The little fishes' answer was:
'We cannot do it, sir, because—'"

The "because" is set forth in arguments which must be endorsed by every supporter of the Constitution.

If all goes well with the Free State, the coming year will be a year of peaceful and steady progress. Legislation will be plentiful, but it must be well-considered, and time must be found for the fullest discussion of every important measure in both Houses of the *Oireachtas*. We may expect that during next year the Senate's powers as a revising Chamber will be used firmly and conscientiously, to the great benefit of every branch of national development. It has proved already, in circumstances of frequent disadvantage, that it is an assembly of which the Irish people may be proud. Its members of all parties have taken a high view of their responsibilities. Many of them are distinguished experts in subjects that concern the intimate welfare of the State. The Senate's debates have been singularly free from any sort of prejudice or partisanship and its enlightened support has been of real value to the Government during recent months. Now that Ministers take part with equal readiness in the debates of both Houses, there ought to be little possibility of future misunderstandings in matters of procedure or detail. Indeed, from every point of view, the most cordial co-operation must be desired between *Dail* and Senate, and a most patient respect in each for the needs and convenience of the other. Each has its rights, and the rights of either will be impaired to the common injury of both and of the whole State.

The Afghan Danger.

The news from Afghanistan continues to be very discouraging. Some weeks ago three British officers were murdered on the Indian frontier, and their assassins escaped into Afghanistan, and have eluded all efforts to capture them. They are known to have been harboured by the tribe of Sangu Khel, and some of them have been observed in the neighbourhood of the frontier, where they probably hope to capture another British officer as a hostage against their punishment. The Indian Government has made the strongest representations to the Amir of Afghanistan, demanding the arrest of the murderers; but, although that monarch has protested his good-will in the most vehement manner, nothing seems to have been done. Last week a British survey party was attacked by rifle fire on the frontier, and an immediate demonstration by aeroplanes was the result. The relations between Afghanistan and His Majesty's Government are most unsatisfactory. Nobody seems to know the Amir's mind. Some are inclined to think that he is doing his utmost to embarrass the British Raj in India; others believe that he is a sincere friend of the British connection and that his influence is being undermined by Bolshevist intrigue. Colour is lent to this view by reports from Northern Afghanistan and Bokhara. Russia has had designs upon Afghan independence for many years. Since the days of Catherine India has been the promised land of Russian desire, and, although the form of government has changed in the meanwhile, the diplomacy of the Kremlin still has its eyes on the rich plains of the Punjab. When the Bolshevik revolution succeeded Bokhara, in common with all the other constituent States of "Holy Russia," was granted its independence, and a Republic was proclaimed with much pomp. During recent years, however, Lenin has repented of his generosity, and now Bokhara is merely an outpost of Muscovite Bolshevism. Large numbers of Russian troops have appeared there during the past few weeks, and the pro-British party in Afghanistan believes firmly that an attack is impending. Be that as it may, Russian agitators certainly are at work in Kabul, and are doing everything in their power to poison the springs of Afghan-British friendship. There is a widespread belief that the men who murdered the British officers on the frontier were in the pay of the Bolsheviks, and serious unrest has been caused in the [illegible] Army through the activities of propagandist agents. One of the principal clauses in the Anglo-Russian trade agreement pledged the Soviet Government to abstain from all anti-British activities in the East. This clause seems to have been broken deliberately, not once, but many times, and we are inclined to believe that a sharp Note to Moscow would do more to bring about an improvement in Afghan affairs than any number of threats to the Amir. The present condition of tension cannot endure. Sooner or later, unless the murderers are surrendered, a clash will become inevitable. War with Afghanistan would be an extremely serious matter, although it could have only one result; and we hope that effort will be made to prevent it.

Cruelty to Animals.

At Wexford yesterday a man named Michael Donohue was fined three pounds by the District Justice for cruelty to a pony. The pony was forced to work although it was suffering from severe sores on various parts of the body. The magistrate declared that it was a "savage case," but, in view of the fact that the defendant had nine children, he reduced the fine to one pound, while fining Donohue's son forty shillings for having driven the pony. Last Friday a man was fined three pounds, and two pounds costs, in Dublin for the driving of a lame horse, and on the same day a man named Breen was fined forty shillings, and costs, in Wexford because he had allowed a jennet covered with sores to lie in a dying condition by the roadside. This case also was described by the magistrate as "a most savage one." The fines in all these cases speak for themselves. We have said many times, and we say again now, that fines are useless as a deterrent against cruelty to animals. If a man is found guilty of "most savage" cruelty to a dumb beast, he ought to be sent to jail without the option of a fine. We have published some letters during recent weeks that gave examples of the way in which animals are treated in the Free State, and until the men who are guilty of such loathsome conduct receive a salutary lesson no improvement can be expected. To fine a man one pound for cruelty to an animal is absurd. If he had his deserts, he would be horse-whipped. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is doing excellent work in bringing cases of cruelty to the notice of the authorities, but without the co-operation of the magistrates it can do very little to check the evil. We suggest a stiff term of imprisonment for the next miscreant who is found guilty of maltreatment of his horse. Then, perhaps, people will begin to realise that they cannot be savage with impunity.

Wembley.

The King of Spain has begun to take a lively concern in the progress of Latin America, and, indeed, it is well that Spain should watch over her children. The States of Spanish America have evolved a vigorous local culture, owing its refinement to intercourse with the mother country by the vehicle of the Spanish tongue. Those who hold that Ireland's contribution to human progress must be in cultural rather than material matters should consider that the new nations, founded by the valour of these islands and so largely peopled by the Irish race, are the natural field in which the Irish genius can find a considerable outlet beyond these shores. Ireland is an ancient and a parent nation, like England and Spain. She must not hoard her memories and talents. When the children of these island races gather at Wembley next year those who have connections with the Free State will look for signs of its existence. Is the old mother to be absent from the re-gathering of the children? Will not their eager ears hear her well-loved accent and her memories of the proud past? We do not speak now of the obvious material benefit lying in closer relations with the economically soundest States of the world, but address our appeal to national idealism. Every Irishman at heart is proud of his nation's part in the building of the new countries. We should like to see no merely sullen or half-hearted participation in the Commonwealth, but a fond and zestful enthusiasm—Ireland, North and South, giving of her best to a work greater than Spain's.

SONG RECITAL.

A very interesting recital of songs was given last night at the Molesworth Hall, Dublin, by Miss Elizabeth Graves. The recitalist possesses a very pleasant and cultured contralto voice, and her choice of songs was admirable. Her performance was what the Germans call *Kleine Kunst*, but none the less excellent for that. Indeed, she must be commended for restricting herself to songs in which refinement and restraint of expression count for more than exuberance. The programme was given contrast and variety by violin selections which were played by Signor Simonetti.

The recital was opened with the *Aria* from Bach's St. Matthew Passion: "Lord, have mercy." This was Miss Graves's most ambitious performance, and was sung against the violin *obligato* of Signor Simonetti, with Mrs. Cecil Watson at the piano. Miss Graves's resonant voice expressed well the rapturous intensity of the song; but one felt that there was just a little too much restraint, too much dwelling upon the æsthetic values of the music, too little surrender to the spirit of the song. She would have done well to give freer rein to her feeling for a fuller interpretation.

She was more in her *métier* in the three songs of Brahms, "*Immer leise wird mein Schlummer*," "*Vergebliches Standchen*," and "*Der Schmied*." She was delightfully rich and mellow in the first, and in the other two was expressive and sympathetic to a degree. Her best performance of the evening, however, was probably the beautiful song of Jaques Dalcroze, "*Chanson du Blé*." Her singing of this was delicate and artistic; and the sweet melancholy of the melody gained an additional intensity from her restraint and the richness of her tone. It was a performance of great finish. Other songs of special appeal were "Silent Noon," by Vaughan-Williams, and "Where corals lie," by Ed. Elgar. Mrs. Watson was a sympathetic accompanist throughout, especially in "*Der Schmied*" of Brahms.

Signor Simonetti is a violinist of considerable grace and talent. His best performance was "The Spinning Wheel," of his own composition. It is a sweet, melodious thing, graceful in structure, pleasing in colour; and Signor Simonetti played it with fine expression and roundness of tone. The Romance in G (op. 40) of Beethoven was played rather as a study is played. It was a little laboured, and so also were the two selections from Kreisler: "*Caprice-Viennois*" and "*Liebesfreud*." But the violinist played always with admirable taste; his tone was full and broad; his double-stopping was faultless. Mr. Charles Wilson accompanied sympathetically and with much taste.

PRINCE'S MAJORITY.

PRINCE GEORGE A KNIGHT OF THE GARTER.

Yesterday was Prince George's twenty-first birthday, and the *Court Circular* announced last night that the King had invested him with the insignia of a Knight of the Garter.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—The anti-cyclone off the Western coasts is receding slowly south, a new depression having appeared south-west of Iceland. Cold winds from a northerly point will be maintained over the British Isles for a time, but the wind will tend to back towards west in the North-West. Further falls of snow are likely in Scotland and locally in the North and East of England, but in the South-West the weather will be generally fair.

N.W. Ireland.—Wind northerly, backing west or south-west, light or moderate; mainly cloudy; risk of drizzle or sleet later; visibility mainly good; cold; temperature rising gradually.

N.E. Ireland.—Wind northerly or north-westerly, backing later towards the west, light or moderate; variable cloud; local showers at first; visibility mainly good; cold.

S.E. and S.W. Ireland.—Wind northerly or north-westerly, moderate, fresh in places; fair; visibility good; continuing cold.

South-West Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland.—Light or moderate northerly winds; fair; visibility good; sea moderate.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Wind northerly or north-westerly, moderate or fresh; variable cloud; local hail or sleet showers; visibility otherwise good; sea moderate.

North-West Ireland, Northern Ireland to Hebrides.—Wind northerly, backing west or south-west, light or moderate; variable cloud; risk of drizzle later; visibility mainly good; sea moderate.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.
Dublin—Thursday (5 p.m.) 30.60

SUN.				
To-day....Rises ..	8.38	Sets	4. 8	
To-morrow.. „ ..	8.38	„	4. 8	
Lighting-up Time		....	5. 8	
HIGH WATER.				
DUBLIN.				
To-day..Morning	10.20	Afternoon	10.40	
To-morrow.. „	10.54	„	11.14	
BELFAST.				
To-day....Morning	9.47	Afternoon	10. 5	
To-morrow.. „	10.22	„	10.38	
QUEENSTOWN.				
To-day....Morning	4.15	Afternoon	4.33	
To-morrow.. „	4.55	„	5. 9	

KING OF NORWAY IN ENGLAND.

The King of Norway and Prince Olaf arrived at Newcastle yesterday afternoon from Bergen, and in the evening left for the South.

We hear of Tory, Labour, and Liberal plotting; I do not believe it. They are all nice, honest gentlemen, wanting to do the best for their country.—Dr. Alington.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

Princess Beatrice, attended by Miss Minnie Cochrane, was present at the Christmas party given by the League of Remembrance, at Marlborough Gate, yesterday afternoon, when there was a large attendance. The Duchess of York had an enthusiastic welcome at the Francis Holland School, where she distributed the prizes, and accepted a bouquet from the pupils.

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The Duchess of Sutherland is staying with the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry at Wynyard Park, where Viscountess Helmsley will join the house party to-day. The Marquis of Hamilton left London yesterday for Baronscourt. The Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair are in residence at the House of Cromar, Aberdeen, and the Earl and Countess of Haddo are at Haddo House, where they will spend Christmas.

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The Earl and Countess of Selborne, Countess Russell, Lady Sarah Wilson, Lord Lambourne, and Sir Lionel Phillips will leave Southampton to-day by the s.s. Arundel Castle for South Africa. Sir Horace Plunkett will leave England to-morrow by the s.s. Adriatic for his annual visit to the United States. Lord and Lady Brownlow are now on their way to Egypt, and will not return to England till the late spring.

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The Earl of Ypres has arrived in London, and is staying at the Grosvenor Hotel. Lady Lovat has left London for Beaufort Castle. Viscount and Viscountess Goschen will spend Christmas at Seacox Heath. Lord Shaw is expected in London on Saturday, and will be present at the baptism of his grand-child, the infant son of the Hon. Alexander and Mrs. Shaw, which will take place on Sunday at the Presbyterian Church, Emperor's Gate.

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The Earl of Enniskillen, K.P., who sits in the House of Lords as Baron Grinstead, celebrates his seventy-eighth birthday to-day. He succeeded his father, the third Earl, in 1886, having previously represented Enniskillen in Parliament for five years. He is a staunch supporter of racing in Ireland, and has been a member of the Turf Club for many years, and also of the Irish National Hunt Committee.

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Among the latest arrivals in London are Viscount Churchill, Sir George Macpherson-Grant, Sir Edward and Lady Bellingham, Sir Francis Dent, Sir Charles, Lady, and Miss Mander, and Sir Davison Dalziel. General Sir Francis Wingate is expected to arrive to-day at Southampton from South America. Mrs. Stewart Marjoribanks has returned from India, and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Lee in Kent.

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Mrs. Hastings Harris, widow of Thomas Hastings Harris, late of County Armagh, passed away last week at St. Paul's Vicarage, Knightsbridge, London, the residence of her son-in-law, Prebendary Leith Boyd. The first part of the Funeral Service was held at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on Wednesday, 12th, and was attended by her son-in-law, Prebendary Leith Boyd; her daughter, Mrs. Leith Boyd; and her grand-daughter, Miss Betty Boyd, and many relatives and friends. Among those who sent flowers were Her Highness Princess Marie Louise, Miss Archdale, Miss Sophia Walker, Violet Viscountess Melville, Lady Gregory, Mrs. Colquhoun, Miss Louth, Miss Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Cubitt Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Shoveler, Miss Mabel Hawkes, the Dowager Countess of Seafield and the Countess of Seafield.

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The death occurred on December 17th at Alloa, N.B., from cardiac asthma, of Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Hanly. R.I.P. Letters to Tormankin Castle, Glendevon, Dollar, Perthshire.

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The engagement is announced of Major Montague R. W. Duberly, 3rd Sikh Pioneers, son of Colonel A. Duberly and Mrs. Duberly, The Barns, Fenlake, Bedford, and Lady Eileen Stopford, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Courtown.

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A marriage has been arranged, and will take place early in January, between Captain George Brownrigg Hadden, Royal Army Medical Corps, son of J. R. Hadden (late Agent, Bank of Ireland, Ennis) and Mrs. Hadden, 22 Crosthwaite Park, Kingstown, and Gladys Maxwell, widow of the late Captain Francis Geoffrey Thatcher, M.C., Royal Army Medical Corps.

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The engagement is announced between Mack Daly, Barrister-at-Law, Salem House, Upper Rathmines, and Sheila, eldest daughter of Charles Laverty, Solicitor, and Mrs. Laverty, Red House, Castleblayney.

Dr. Henry F. Moore has left 58 Fitzwilliam square until January 3rd.

Switzers New Restaurant, first floor, 90 Grafton street, entrance also by Débutante Gallery, to which two lifts operate continuously during the day. The Restaurant will remain open until 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Charming Collection of Fur Coats, Fur-trimmed Coats and Stoles, suitable for Christmas Presents, at Switzers.

Delightful Dance Frocks for Christmas Festivities.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 George's street.

Christmas Gifts—The useful and practical. Hundreds to select from at Holmes', George's street. Warehouse open all day to-morrow (Saturday).

Robert's Christmas Gift Exhibition of Fashion and Fancy Novelties, Useful Household Articles, and an abundance of Good Toys is worth an early visit.—Grafton street.

Beautiful Collection of Afternoon and Evening Gowns in exclusive styles, in Velvet, Silk, and Crepe-de-chine. Charming range of colours.—Robert and Co., Ltd., Grafton st.

Sofa and Chair Cushions, Pouffes, Box Seats, Coseys, Pin Cushions, Hand-embroidered Cushion and Cosey Covers. Good taste combined with reasonable prices.—Robert and Co., 80/83 Grafton street.

Millinery Models all reduced to clear before stocktaking. Must be cleared.—Robert and Co., Ltd., 80/83 Grafton street.

Grand Hotel, Greystones, for Christmas week. Gala Dinners, Fancy Dress Ball, Carnival Dances.

Distinctive Model Overcoats and Fur-trimmed Costumes.—Campbell and Strahan, Ltd., 11 Wicklow street.

Special Christmas Sale this week at Madame Renée's, Harry st. (off Grafton st.).

The "Geisha" Café, South King street, adjoining Gaiety Theatre—When Christmas shopping call for hot luncheons, good teas, home made cakes and scones, chocolates. Real good value.

Victorian Evening Gown in rose patterned taffetas, with berthe of silver lace, for 7½ gns, at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

Cosy Christmas Gifts. Breakfast coat in Zenana cloth, bound braid, with pocket, colours: orange, lemon, and rose, 23s. 6d. Also crêpe-de-chine matinée, with boudoir cap to match, special price 3 gns.—Slyne and Co., Ltd., 71 Grafton st., 1 and 2 Harry st.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals—Mrs. P. Muller, Miss G. O'Connor, Miss J. O'Connor, Miss N. O'Connor, Miss C. Reeves Smyth, Mrs. A. K. Dunlop, Master Mark Maunsell, C. J. McGrane, B. D. Murphy, Miss J. R. Scott, Miss Clover, Miss E. Shellard, Mrs. D. Smithwick, Miss A. Russell Leonard, Lieutenant-Colonel Russell Leonard, D.S.O.; Miss M. Roantree, Sir Claud Jordan, J. Talbot, Mrs. J. Talbot.

Departures—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barker, Edwin A. Murphy, Howard P. Murphy, A. Douglas, Brian Boydell, Dr. James Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Knee, Miss V. Ramsey, Mrs. George Good, Miss Gladys Good, John Good, J. P. Barrington, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. C. Feeney.

Gift Exhibition and Toy Fair now open at McBirney's.

"Our Boys'" House—The Noted Juvenile Clothiers and Outfitters. Large Selection Reliable Goods. Prices moderate—24 Wicklow street.

Warm Underclothing—We are agents for the famous makes. "Jaeger," "Chilprufe," and "Pesco" Underclothing at keenest prices.—Robert and Co., Ltd., Grafton street.

Special three weeks' Sale of Winter Boots and Shoes, held up by port trouble. Great Bargains to effect speedy clearance.—Doyle and Son, Ltd., 38 Mary street, Dublin.

Mourning Orders executed on the shortest notice. 'Phone 4905.—Davis and Co., 48 Grafton street.

NEW SCOTTISH WHIP.

The following announcement was issued from 10 Downing street last night:—

"In consequence of the resignation of Mr. P. J. Ford, the Prime Minister has appointed Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon. Sir John Gilmour, Bart., D.S.O., M.P., to act as Scottish Whip in his place."

LONDON LETTER.

LORD MIDLETON'S APPEAL.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
THURSDAY NIGHT.

Lord Midleton, who has played such a prominent part in the political world for so many years, appeals in *The Times* to-day for a new understanding between those who are opposed to Socialism. He very aptly sums up the situation by saying that, "surely in the interests of Great Britain and the Empire, this is a time for ascertaining mutual amenities rather than for intensifying animosities." Many will agree with Lord Midleton in his claim that the great majority of members of Parliament, who were returned by their constituents to oppose nationalisation and capital levy, are not entitled to admit the advocates of these false gods into the citadel, knowing that they must subsequently eject them. In fact, people are asking one another whether it is not possible that the two constitutional parties can come to terms, irrespective of leaders, so that the majority of Parliament should rule the country, instead of the minority.

The Next Election.

We have heard a good deal of late of the intentions of the Liberals when they have helped to defeat both Conservatives and Labour in the House of Commons and come themselves into power; but evidently there are doubts in the party as to the duration of that power when they possess it. Sir Donald Maclean is already urging the party to release the vital importance of concentrating all its energies in preparation for the next general election; so he, apparently, has doubts as to the future. It now seems to be an almost general opinion in political circles that there will be another election before many months are over. One politician assured me this morning that he thought that March would be the month, but that seems scarcely feasible. It would be at the rate of a Government a month.

The Royal House.

During the past few days there has been much speculation as to the course which a Labour Government would follow with regard to the Royal Household. At present nearly all the leading members of the King's Household combine their household duties with the representation in the House of Lords of one or other of the Government departments, and, normally, would retire on a change of Government. To avoid a difficulty Mr. Ramsay Macdonald has the idea of asking the King to retain his household, with the proviso that those members who are Peers should not vote with the Opposition in the House of Lords.

Should such a step be taken, it will simply be an extension of a precedent already followed. There was a time when the ladies surrounding the Queen had to go out of office as well as the Peers attending the King; but Queen Victoria objected to being deprived of the services of ladies to whom she was attached, with the result that only the Mistress of the Robes changed office with a new Government. Probably, if it were a matter of suiting the Royal convenience, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald's suggestion would meet with approbation. The days are gone by when Sovereigns are surrounded by courtiers all the day long, with opportunity and desire to influence them in political matters. It is far more likely that politics are absolutely tabooed in the Royal circle.

A Joy Day.

A great joy day, or "victory celebration," is to be held by the National Labour Party at the Albert Hall on January 8th, the date fixed for the assembling of the new Parliament. Mr. Ramsay Macdonald heads a list of speakers, which includes the names of Mr. J. R. Clynes, Miss Margaret Bondfield, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. George Lansbury and Mr. Herbert Morrison. It is to be noted that the *intelligentsia* of the party is somewhat ignored. The Wedgwoods, Ponsonbys and the Buxtons are missing, to say nothing of the new accretions to the party during the election. On the following day another Labour gathering of a more extraordinary character will take place at the House of Commons. Mr. Scott Duckers is to preside over a dinner in favour of sixteen members of the new Parliament who have been imprisoned during recent years on religious or political grounds.

French Concern.

France seems to be greatly concerned at the prospect of a Labour Government in this country, and the Parisian papers are commenting very freely on the situation as it appears to them. One journal remarks that a few months' experience of a Labour Ministry would be sufficient to put an end to many of our ancient institutions, such as the House of Lords. Another reminds Mr. Asquith that when the Socialists are in power it will be more difficult than he supposes to get them out of power again. Yet another asks whether it is really the moment, with Europe in such a state of unrest, for the experiment to be risked. This consensus of opinion, coming from a country which is so thoroughly Republican, is rather curious, and it reveals the possibility that the advent of a Socialist Government in this country will not make for better relations with France. Probably, the fear is that Germany will receive encouragement to the disadvantage of our Ally.

Prince George.

Flags were flying on the Government buildings to-day in honour of the coming-of-age of Prince George, the youngest son of the King. Owing to the ill-fortune of the war, not one of the sons of the King has had a real coming-of-age celebration. In the old days much would have been made of the occasion; but, as the Prince of Wales was in France at the time when he attained his majority, he started the fashion of no publicity, and it has been followed in the case of each of his brothers. Prince George is now a familiar figure in London, and very popular among the younger members of society.

His New Income.

From to-day the Prince becomes entitled to an annuity of £10,000, which will be increased to £15,000 in the event of his marriage. He celebrated his last birthday under less happy conditions than those of to-day; for he then had to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

The Hunting Ban.

The news that hunting and coursing are to be held up from Monday next throughout a great part of the rural districts of England will cause disappointment to many sportsmen during the Christmas holidays. Sporting arrangements have been spoiled in some twenty counties, and many big family gatherings for the Christmas season will have to find other diversions during the holidays. In reply to the criticisms on the proposal addressed to the Minister of Agriculture, it was stated to-day that all unnecessary movement, either of animals or of human beings, must be checked, since infection is undoubtedly carried. Objection has been made that it is foolish to stop horses and hounds, while foxes, rabbits and birds are free to go where they choose. One might as well ask the doctors, it was stated, to abandon the policy of isolating fever cases because it is impossible to guarantee a stoppage of all movement among mice and bluebottles. Consequently, if the policy adopted is the right one, though there are those who think differently, the time will come when all movement throughout the countryside will have to be suspended. The tyres of a motor or a cycle will do just as much harm as the feet of a carefully-groomed hunter.

The leading article in the *Daily Mail* is not evidence.—Mr. Justice Avory.

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THE NATIONAL STUD.

WILL IT BE MOVED TO ENGLAND?

NO DIRECT DENIAL

RESULT OF LONDON INQUIRIES.

The future of the National Stud at Tully, County Kildare, is the subject of some conflicting rumours, which are discussed below. Captain J. H. Greer, the director of the stud, last evening told a representative of the *Irish Times* that he had heard nothing whatever of the proposed transfer from the British Government to the Irish Free State.

SPECULATION IN LONDON

NO DIRECT DENIAL BY THE MINISTRY.

FROM OUR SPECIAL RACING CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday Night.

The statement published in a London morning newspaper to-day that there were negotiations regarding a possible transfer of the National Stud from the British Government to the Irish Free State has excited a rare pother here. In the early editions of the evening newspapers it was denied *in toto*, but the very journals who were so emphatic in contradicting it at mid-day, devoted a large amount of space in their late editions to what amounts to an affirmation of its main point—viz., that the British Government is giving up breeding horses in Ireland.

The *Evening News*, for instance, says it "understands that the horses in the National Stud may be brought over from Tully, Kildare, to Russley, Wiltshire, and that the Tully Farm will probably be sold by the British Government to the Irish Free State."

"No definite negotiations have yet been exchanged," adds the newspaper, "but the difficulties of carrying on the work in another country are obvious. When Ireland was disturbed members of Parliament suggested to the Government that it was not safe to keep horses in Ireland, and even if that danger has passed, the advantages of having the stud on this side of the water have been urged by many experts."

NO DIRECT DENIAL.

The *Evening Standard* remarks that the statement about there being negotiations regarding the transfer are not confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture here, but adds: "At the same time, a direct official denial is withheld at the Ministry, and while it is not thought that the horses in the stud will change hands, it is possible that they will be brought to some more convenient spot in England and the farm itself disposed of."

Reading between the lines one can see that the Ministry of Agriculture here is a little peeved about the details of the suggested transfer leaking out prematurely, and that there is a good deal in the wind.

The National Stud, which has grown up at Tully, under the management of Captain Greer, has become world-famous in a comparatively short space of time. It is indissolubly linked with Tully, and though certain stallions and mares might be removed to England, as is suggested, Tully would still be regarded as its home, and the prestige would probably remain with the stud in Co. Kildare.

THE DEED OF GIFT.

Many people here doubt whether the British Government is going to worry itself at this juncture about all the manifold details of establishing a new national stud farm in England. For one thing, Captain Greer might not be disposed to come to England to manage it, and, for another, it would lose all its character by a transfer. There may, of course, be something in the deed of gift from Lord Wavertree which necessitates its being carried on by the British Government, but of this I have no knowledge.

It is worth recalling that in the House of Commons last April the British Minister for Agriculture stated, amid cheers, that the stud was one of the rare commercial ventures of a Government which had been remarkably successful, and that since it was acquired it had shown a profit of £28,000.

THE TULLY STUD.

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

The Tully Stud, comprising two stallions, thirty brood mares, ten yearlings and eight horses in training, was presented to the British Government towards the end of 1915 by Colonel W. Hall Walker, now Lord Wavertree, the valuation placed on the draft being £74,000. Lord Wavertree was one of the most successful breeders of bloodstock of his day, Tully standing high among the most famous establishments of its kind in the world.

From small beginnings during the period extending from 1900 to 1905—the winnings of its offshoots amounted then to £655—the progress has been remarkable, and from 1904 to 1913 the aggregate of stakes won showed a total of £201,209, with the splendid average per season of upwards of £20,000. That average has been more than maintained since the establishment passed into the possession of the Government. There are very few studs which can boast such figures, while the classic record is hardly less flattering. Thus, Minoru won the Derby and Cherry Lass the Oaks, Prince Palatine and Night Hawk both annexed the St. Leger, Minoru won the Two Thousand Guineas and Cherry Lass and Witch Elm the One Thousand Guineas, Ulster King and Prince Palatine the Princess of Wales's Stakes, and Prince Palatine was twice successful in the Ascot Gold Cup. Other good horses bred there in Colonel Hall Walker's time were Charles O'Malley, Royal Realm, White Eagle, Roseate Dawn, William Rex, Challenger, Colonia, Let Fly, Black Arrow, Merry Gal, Polar Star and Jean's Folly, to mention a few. In 1922 the National Stud produced 25 winners of 42 races value £32,900, a sum considerably in excess of that standing to the credit of any other stud, whilst during the past season horses raised at Tully won over £19,000 in stakes.

TURNED DOWN.

When Colonel Hall-Walker first made the offer of the stud, the Government of the day, for some inexplicable reason, turned it down, and he had to threaten the withdrawal of his offer before he could persuade the Government to recognise in a practical manner what it was they were asked to accept! We were told that there could be no cognisance of racing, and that reason was supposed to be sufficient for the passing by of the unique opportunity of acquiring from one of the most successful breeders of bloodstock a stud on which he had expended 15 years of the most patient work in breeding the stock and improving the land. When this magnificent gift was declined by the Government he arranged to have all horses, mares, etc., put up for public sale at Newmarket, and it was only 24 hours before the advertised time of the auction that acceptance of the offer was notified. Captain J. H. Greer, the then Senior Steward of the Jockey Club, than whom there is none more fitted for such an undertaking, was asked to take control of the newly-acquired National Stud, and under his direction it has gone on from success to success, both from the point of view of the excellence of the stock raised there and the financial results.

GOVERNMENT STUDS ABROAD.

Prior to their tardy acceptance of Colonel Hall-Walker's gift, England was very much behind the times in the matter of horse-breeding. Horse-breeding was left to individual effort, but this has never been so on the Continent. In France, Germany, and Austria-Hungary it was found necessary to assist private breeders by various methods to which the State contributed, and in Russia as far back at 1722 Peter the Great established numerous Government studs for the higher breeds of horses, and issued a proclamation recommending the institution of horse races, with a view of improving the breed by working on the results obtained from that test. Twenty-five years ago there were in Russia six huge Government studs, containing at that time 2,764 animals, and 33 stallion dépôts. In these dépôts the Government had about 4,000 stallions, which covered yearly about 90,000 mares.

In Germany, during the period of Count Lehndorff the Imperial Stud, Graditz, rose to supreme importance. In Austria-Hungary there were 37 Government studs, the principal one being the Royal Stud, Kisber, which was the great home of the thoroughbred in Hungary. In France is "Direction des Haras," a special branch of the Ministry of Agriculture, looks after the Government studs, of which there was about a dozen. The stallions, which are carefully selected, are advertised at very low fees, the highest being about 100 francs. Mares are put in different classes according as they have won more or less money on the Turf, and the best stallions receive only the first-class mares.

CUT IN POLICE PAY.

10 PER CENT. REDUCTION IN DUBLIN.

The heads of the Civic Guard and of the Dublin Metropolitan Police have received intimation from the Ministry of Finance that their pay and the pay of the rank and file will be reduced by 10 per cent. as from the 1st of January next.

This is part of the scheme of the Government to effect economies in the public services which has been already announced, notably in the case of the national teachers and the old age pensioners.

GREEK UNREST.

M. VENIZELOS INVITED TO RETURN.

ATHENS, Thursday.

Judging by this morning's papers, the King's departure has not eased the situation. The leaders of the Democratic Party give expression to the opinion that the Revolutionary Government can have no *raison d'etre* after the elections, and should be immediately succeeded by any other Government.

The Revolutionary Committee, on the other hand, is of opinion that until the respective strength of the different parties is established, the present Government should retain the power. It is argued that only the result of the Speaker's election, when the National Assembly meets, will indicate the real strength of each party.

Further, the Revolutionary Committee considers that in view of the triumphal success of M. Venizelos at the elections, its first duty is to invite him to return to Greece.

It is probable that both the Regent and the Revolutionary Government will telegraph to M. Venizelos urging him to return to his country. The opinion of M. Venizelos on the latest developments of the situation is not yet known here.

The Opposition papers are violently protesting against the enforced departure of the King. Their descriptions of great popular demonstrations on the occasion of his departure are, however, imaginary.—(Press Association Foreign Special.)

GREEK KING'S SAFETY.

GREAT BRITAIN'S HINT TO ATHENS.

The statement that Great Britain has made it known to the Greek Government that it is interested in the safety of the exiled King and Queen, is, writes our Diplomatic Correspondent, confirmed in London.

It is explained that this expression of opinion in no way conflicts with the British Government's continued intention not to recognise Greece. The interest in the exiles' safety is dictated by ordinary considerations of humanity.

EDUCATION.

SWEEPING CHANGES IN THE FREE STATE.

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

It is common knowledge in political circles in Dublin that an Education Bill will be introduced in the Dail early in the next session. Its provisions are kept a Ministerial secret, but the general opinion is that they will aim at a complete change in the educational systems of the Free State.

It is known by everybody interested in the subject that drastic powers for enforcing compulsory attendance at school will be a prominent feature of the bill. It is even said that beyond this, which is a crying necessity, and other matters of urgency, the coming bill may be only a preliminary to Dr. MacNeill's larger tackling of the whole question.

It is understood that education in the Free State is to be unified. The teaching of our youth from the elementary school to the university will form part of one system, which will embrace scientific, technical, and agricultural education, together with the institutions or other mediums through which the latter work has so far been carried on. These include the College of Science, the different technical instruction schools, the agricultural instruction centres, and the libraries. All education will be co-ordinated within the administrative sphere of the Minister for Education.

Other changes spoken of as certain to come in the immediate future will mean almost a revolution in Irish educational methods. The cultivation of the æsthetic is to be an important part in the building up, through the school, of an Irish culture. Music taught on the most modern lines is to be as much a part of the day's work in the elementary schools as is the inculcating of a knowledge of the three R's to-day. The musical education scheme to be carried on in the little country schools, in the secondary schools and colleges, and in the universities has been drafted.

Art in the usual sense of the word is also to find a place in the work of all the schools. At the request of the Ministry different leaders in the Irish world of art have been asked to submit memoranda on the subject.

ASSYRIAN CHRISTIANS.

SUFFERINGS UNDER TURKISH PERSECUTION.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

A mission has just arrived in this country from Assyria to put forward a claim to the sympathies of the Christian people here on behalf of the many thousands who have been deported by the Turks from some of the little semi-independent States situated in the highlands of the country.

The mission, which reached London yesterday, has already secured the commendation of Cardinal Bourne, and will proceed to solicit the support of other leaders of religious opinion.

The deportees include victims of all denominations, and practically everything has been taken from them, reducing many families to absolute destitution.

LONDON SHOPPERS.

"FOOTBALL SCRUM" AT GREAT STORES.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

Amazing scenes were to be witnessed in the great shopping centres to-day, for all London appeared to be buying, or sight-seeing.

In the West End it was something like a football scrum to move about in the great stores, and much patience and energy was required to pass through the crowd. The arrival of the school holidays also let loose many thousands of eager young people, all of whom seemed to be engaged in buying Christmas presents. During the luncheon hour these youngsters were particularly in evidence.

With regard to the business done, nearly all the big shops have the one story to tell. Purchasers were many, but were only for comparatively small amounts. The more expensive goods are being passed over, as nobody seems to want them, or to have the money to buy them.

AUDACIOUS DUBLIN ROBBERIES.

MASKED AND ARMED MEN AT WORK.

LAST NIGHT'S THREE EXPLOITS.

A series of audacious robberies occurred in Dublin last night.

When Miss Brady, of 19 Wicklow street, was boarding a tramway car at Nassau street corner, between 6 and 7 p.m., a handbag, containing £60 in notes and some cheques and money orders, was snatched from her. Her assailant made his escape through the crowd before she could identify him.

The driver of a horse-drawn delivery van belonging to the Co-operative Stores, 11 and 12 Merrion row, was approached by a strange man in Ailesbury road last night as he was delivering groceries in the vicinity. The stranger presented a revolver, ordered the driver away, and, jumping on the van, drove towards the city. When the van was found abandoned in Merrion row a barrel of apples and a considerable quantity of groceries were missing.

The driver of a motor van belonging to Messrs. Clery was halted by an armed and masked man near Blackrock last night. Keeping his revolver pointed at the driver, the masked man examined the van. Having finished his inspection, he remarked curtly: "I thought it was a Ford; you may go." The driver proceeded on his way.

According to a report received at Detective Headquarters, some armed robbers were also active in the neighbourhood of Cowper road, Rathmines, at about 9 o'clock p.m.

BLACKROCK REVOLVER DUEL.

SUPPOSED ATTEMPT TO ROB A HOUSE.

A mysterious shooting encounter between a Blackrock resident and two unknown, armed men took place at Newtown House, Blackrock, Dublin, last night.

Shortly before 11 o'clock a message was received at Detective Headquarters, Brunswick street, Dublin, to the effect that shooting was in progress in the house of Mr. J. J. Byrne, Blackrock.

A special squad of five detectives, under the charge of Detective-Officer O'Keeffe, left immediately in a motor car. They arrived in Blackrock at about six minutes past 11 o'clock. By that time the firing had ceased, and the detectives found Mr. Byrne little the worse of his strange experience.

Mr. Byrne, according to his version, heard a noise near the door about 10.30 o'clock as if someone was entering or leaving the house. On approaching the door he saw a man stooping outside the window, while a second man stood immediately behind him. Mr. Byrne rushed for his revolver, and on returning found that the men were walking away. Going outside he shouted at them to stop, but they quickened their pace. Mr. Byrne again called on them to halt.

The two men started to run, and then turning, suddenly produced revolvers and fired at him, one of the bullets piercing Mr. Byrne's hat. Flashing his electric torch in their direction, Mr. Byrne discharged five shots from his revolver. One of the men staggered, but continued to run. Finally they broke in different directions, one of the men running towards Seapoint Station, and the other towards the main road.

Almost immediately afterwards a telephone message for assistance was received at Blackrock Police Station. Mr. Barrett, the Assistant Commissioner of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, who had been carrying out an inspection in the station, started at once for the scene with a small force of police. They were reinforced by the special flying squad from detective headquarters, and the two parties made a systematic search of the garden and out-offices of Newtown House. They also searched the station premises, but without result. It was learned later that the two men had been traced as far as Westland Row Station, but they could not be located. It is believed that robbery was the motive of their visit to the house. Neither of them is known to Mr. Byrne.

WINTER RETURNS.

FROST, SNOW, AND HAIL.

There was a sharp fall in the temperature all over the country yesterday.

Sharp showers of hail fell in the County Dublin in the early hours, and the mountains are again capped with snow. In the city, the thermometer on the grass fell to 25½ degrees F. and 30 in the screen. The day was fine with bright sunshine, but a keen wind blew from the north-east, and except in the most favoured spots the temperature did not rise above freezing point.

Early this morning it was freezing hard. The sky was clear, and with a rising barometer, there was every prospect of a continuance of settled weather.

Snow fell in Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, and North Wales yesterday. In north-east Yorkshire there was thunder, lightning, and hail, followed by a fall of snow and a sharp frost.

POSTAL INEFFICIENCY.

DEMAND FOR REFORMS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

It is often a subject of complaint that the Post Office is greatly behind the times, and in some respects it undoubtedly is, for its efficiency falls below the standard enjoyed before the war.

The complaints are so numerous and come from all parts of the country that the Association of British Chambers of Commerce intends to discuss the position and formulate suggestions to place before the Postmaster-General later on.

Delay in the delivery of letters, poor telegraphic facilities, and dear postage are some of the subjects to be raised. It is pointed out that in a populous district like Wandsworth, with thirteen post offices, ten are closed for an hour at midday, while all close at seven in the evening. If it is necessary to send a telegram after that hour a long journey has to be undertaken. This is typical of many other places, and business men are of opinion that such conditions should be changed.

On Christmas Day and Boxing Day telegrams will be delivered generally in London up to 2 p.m.; after that time manifestly urgent telegrams will be delivered only in a restricted radius of four miles from the Central Telegraph Office.

ATTACK ON IRISH FREE STATE OFFICER.

Shortly after ten o'clock last night a sensational attempt was made on the life of a National military officer in Lee road, not far from Cork City. The officer and a woman friend were returning from a walk. In the vicinity of Cork Mental Hospital a man suddenly drew a revolver and fired across the roadway at the officer, but he was not struck. His friend had a very narrow escape, a bullet grazing her fingers and inflicting a slight wound. The military authorities have a full description of the man who fired the revolver.

SIR M. A. REFALO.

A telegram from Malta states that the death has occurred there from acute bronchitis of Sir Michel Angelo Refalo, Chief Justice and President of His Majesty's Court of Appeal.

OUTLAWING OF ALL WAR.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Senator Borah to-day reintroduced in the Senate his war resolution, which failed to pass last session. The resolution calls for the "outlawing of all war," and suggests a judicial substitute "in the nature of an international court."—(Reuter.)

AFGHANISTAN.

AMEER'S INTRIGUES ON BORDER.

BRITAIN READY.

DEMONSTRATIONS BY AEROPLANES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BOMBAY, Thursday.

The British Government is contemplating strong measures on the north-west frontier as the intrigues of the Ameer of Afghanistan are causing trouble among the border tribes in Waziristan.

At all frontier posts the greatest precautions are being taken to prevent further outrages. Several demonstrations by aeroplanes have lately been carried out. The authorities here are very reticent about the situation.

With regard to the seizure at Bombay of arms "for the Afghan police," it is declared that they were held up as a diplomatic move. Some Englishwomen have already reached Peshawar from Kabul. There has, of course, been considerable tension on the frontier since the Ellis murder and the kidnapping outrage.

It was known to the Government that Ajab Khan—alleged to be the murderer of Mrs. Ellis—and his gang had taken refuge on Afghan territory, but in spite of repeated requests they were not handed over. Two men were arrested, but they escaped, with the connivance of Afghan officials.

Four days ago it was established that the Ajab gang were being harboured by the Sango Khel. Representatives of this tribe (says Reuter) were detained as hostages by the Afghan Governor of Jalalabad, but they bolted during the night, and the gang scattered.

The Ameer is seeking to control the independent tribes in the British area, but his pretensions are not admitted by the British Government. Meanwhile hostile tribesmen seek favour at Kabul by committing outrages in British territory, and Afghan attempts to bring them to book are very half-hearted. It is difficult to preserve friendly relations under these conditions, especially as the Ameer is influenced by Bolshevik intrigue.

NO ULTIMATUM.

FALSE REPORTS FROM MOSCOW.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

An official contradiction was issued to-day of a report emanating from Moscow that a British ultimatum had been sent to Kabul threatening a bombardment by aeroplanes, and demanding that the Ameer shall break with Soviet Russia.

The position remains obscure and disquieting. If the Afghan pursuit of the murder gangs proves unsuccessful, the British authorities intend to bring sterner pressure to bear. This, it is believed, means some demonstration in force, either by aeroplanes or by troops.

Relations between the Afghan authorities and the tribes on the North-West frontier, who occupy the region between British and Afghan territory, are peculiar. Some of these tribesmen are subsidised from Kabul, but it is doubtful what degree of control the Ameer's Government has over them.

TCHITCHERIN'S LIE.

GREAT BRITAIN'S AIMS IN ASIA.

RIGA, Thursday.

A telegram from Moscow states that M. Tchitcherin yesterday informed representatives of the Press that Great Britain had presented Afghanistan with an ultimatum requiring her to break off all relations with Soviet Russia. M. Tchitcherin said that Russia was alarmed, and might possibly be compelled to intervene.

M. Tchitcherin declared that British interest in the East had been colliding with Russia's for several decades. Great Britain was endeavouring to obtain an absolute hegemony in Central Asia.

Afghanistan was regarded as the last buffer State between Great Britain and the Soviet Republic. Great Britain, he added, had succeeded in breaking down the Dardanelles barrier, and now Russia was threatened with a new danger in Asia.—(Reuter.)

RUSSIAN CONCENTRATIONS.

Reuter's Agency is informed that the impression prevails in competent quarters here that the persistent rumours of a concentration of Russian troops in Bokhara, Samarkand and Ferghana for the purpose of menacing India or Afghanistan are not based on any solid foundation.

No doubt is entertained that these forces are really intended to cope with the populations in the mountain districts, who have always held out against the Soviet.

NEW AFGHAN CONSUL.

DELHI, Thursday.

It is understood that Sardar Mohammed Haidar Khan, the Afghan Consul-General in India, has been appointed Afghan [illegible] at Angora, and will leave India in [illegible] of two weeks. Abdul Hussain Khan [illegible] Foreign Office at Kabul, will succeed Haidar Khan in India.—(Reuter.)

PORK FOR ENGLAND.

HOME PIG-BREEDERS STILL BEHIND THE TIMES.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

After several years of pig-breeding, intensive or otherwise, this country still seems unable to produce the pork it requires.

It sounds almost ridiculous that over 1,000 tons of pork should have been delivered at Folkestone during this week, coming directly from Holland, when, with foresight and encouragement, British pig-breeders should be in a position to meet any demand.

The importation of such large quantities of pork necessitated the running of a special boat from Flushing, since the ordinary service could not cope with the many thousands of carcases supplied by the Dutch farmers.

"SAVAGE CRUELTY."

OWNER OF SUFFERING HORSE FINED £1.

At Wexford District Court Michael Donohue, Kilrane, was fined £1 for permitting his pony to be worked while suffering from sores on the left side, left breast, back, right kidney and right hinch. The sore on the left breast was stated to be the size of a person's hand.

The magistrate said that the case was a savage one. In view of the fact that the defendant had nine in family he reduced the fine from £3 to £1.

He fined Albert Donohue, son of the owner of the pony, £2 for driving it while in the condition described.

REDMOND ANNIVERSARY

DUBLIN COMMITTEE MEETING.

At a meeting of the Redmond Anniversary Committee at the National Club, 39 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin—Mr. J. P. Gaynor presiding—the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Doris) read a letter from Mr. E. Redmond, Secretary of the Wexford Committee, stating that the preparations for next year's anniversary were receiving enthusiastic support throughout the country.

The Chairman expressed the hope that local celebrations may be held on the first Sunday of March, so as to enable as many as possible to take part in the Wexford demonstration on the following Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Donaghy proposed a resolution, which was passed, expressing deep regret at the death, since last meeting, of Mr. William Patterson, a member of the Executive Committee.

NORTHERN CURFEW.

RELAXATION FOR CHRISTMASTIDE.

REDUCED BY 2 HOURS ON FOUR NIGHTS.

The Northern Government has decided to reduce the hours of Curfew by two hours until 2 a.m. on the nights of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Eve.

This will apply to the whole six-county area.

The extension will be appreciated by those holding Christmas parties, also by those attending Church Services on Christmas night and Watch Night Services on 31st December.

THE POPE AND IRELAND.

SETTLEMENT HAPPILY APPROACHING.

ROME, Thursday.

Pope Pius XI. this morning held a Secret Consistory for the creation of two Cardinals, Monsignori Evaristo Lucidi and Aurelio Galli. All the Cardinals present in Rome gathered in the Consistorial Hall, where, divided into three groups of Cardinal-Bishops, Cardinal-Priests, and Cardinal-Deacons, they waited, headed by their octogenarian dean, Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, for the arrival of the Pope.

Referring to the condition of the peoples of Europe, especially with regard to peace, His Holiness said that it must be acknowledged that there was, unfortunately, no change for the better. There were still bitter feelings and division, while penury and destitution were on the increase, especially with the approach of winter.

The Pope recalled the letter which he had addressed to Cardinal Gasparri, in which an appeal was made to all countries having a surplus of wheat, and he expressed his satisfaction at the abundance of help which had been received from all quarters.

The Pope, addressing the Cardinals, also said:—Finally, we have to announce the good news regarding Ireland, that land so dear to our hearts, where a settlement is happily approaching. We have received comforting assurance of this in a recent Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Logue, which has been confirmed by later news.—(Reuter.)

CONFLICTING NEWS FROM MEXICO.

NO SIGNS OF EARLY SETTLEMENT.

MEXICO CITY, Wednesday.

"There are no enemies for us to fight, either in Vera Cruz or Jalisco," President Obregon informed foreign Correspondents here to-night, "because they refuse to give us battle and retreat continually, tearing up the tracks to prevent pursuit, and leaving prisoners and munitions behind."

Regarding the situation in the State of Jalisco, on the West coast, however, the President stated that he expected a battle there shortly—perhaps before Friday.

President Obregon was as good-humoured as ever, and joked about the burden of work which the active direction of military operations had forced upon him. He declared that the revolution had turned him again into a student, since he was compelled to study carefully the topography of Mexico.

Questioned about his illness, which was still manifest in his extreme hoarseness, President Obregon said that he had suffered a recurrence of fever on Tuesday, but that he had recovered quickly, and was again almost normal. He promised the foreign Correspondents that endeavours would be made to expedite news messages, excusing the present slow transition on the ground of the immense amount of work piled upon the national telegraphs.

REBELS' WIRELESS "OFFICIAL."

In vivid contrast with President Obregon's statements was an interview given at Vera Cruz by the rebel leader, Adolfo de la Huerta, broadcasted by "wireless" and intercepted by the Government station here. This statement declares that the revolutionists are in control of the States of Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Puebla, Colima, Michoacaan, Jalisco, Nayarit, Zacatecas, Aguascalientes and Guerrero, and adds that the rebels had 40,000 armed troops, fighting with spirit and without pay.—(Press Association's Special Correspondent.)

FEDERALS DEFEATED.

GALVESTON, Thursday.

Rebel despatches from Vera Cruz claim that the insurgents have defeated the Federal troops under General Almazan after eight hours' [illegible] between Puebla and Telsmeluca. The rebels captured three machine guns and 500 prisoners. Hard fighting is in progress at Apitzaco, an important railway position.—(Reuter.)

REBEL DEFEAT.

An exchange (*via* New York) reports that news has reached Mexico City from Villahermosa that 200 insurgents and 13 generals were killed in the course of thirty hours' fighting, after which the rebels retreated in disorder.

MOTOR CAR COLLISION.

FRENCH PREMIER'S WIFE IN DANGER.

PARIS, Thursday.

Mme. Poincaré, wife of the French Prime Minister, was badly shaken, but happily only slightly bruised, in a collision between her motor car and a side car at the corner of the Avenue des Champs Elysees and the Rue Pierre Charron last evening. The side car was first struck by a taxi-cab, travelling at high speed, and thrown violently against Mme. Poincaré's car. A young woman in the side car was slightly injured.—(*Times* telegram.)

LABOUR M.P. MAY RESIGN.

POSSIBLE SEAT FOR MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON.

The *Staffordshire Sentinel* learns that Mr. Harper Parker, the Labour M.P. for Hanley, who had a seizure during the election, may resign owing to continued ill-health. It is understood that Mr. Arthur Henderson will be the Labour candidate for the constituency.

CALIFORNIAN DIVORCE SUIT.

WIFE'S EXTRAORDINARY ALLEGATIONS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Thursday.

Remarkable charges have been made at Los Angeles in the course of an action for divorce brought against Mr. Elsier La Maie, a prominent cinema director and theatre man.

The petitioner, Mrs. Helen La Maie, declares that her husband attempted to sell her to a wealthy negro at Juarez, Mexico. The price suggested was half a million dollars (about £114,680), of which she herself was to keep $150,000.

The couple have been married for nine years, but a second woman, giving the name of Violet La Maie and living at El Paso, Texas, claims that she married the respondent three years ago. She at present knows nothing of the divorce action, and says that she and her husband are always on good terms.

The whereabouts of Mr. La Maie are not known, and the authorities are looking for him.

REPARATIONS.

MR. McKENNA ON THE COMMITTEE.

IMPORTANT MEETING TO-DAY.

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

A highly important meeting of the Reparations Commission takes place in Paris to-day, when the two Expert Committees to inquire into Germany's finances will be set up.

A Reuter's Paris telegram gives the names of the British members of the Committee as follows:—

MR. REGINALD MCKENNA (formerly Chancellor of the Exchequer, and now Chairman of the Midland Bank).

SIR JOSEPH STAMP (Secretary to Nobel Industries, Ltd., Joint Hon. Secretary, and Editor Royal Statistical Society; member of the Royal Commission on the Income Tax, 1919, and formerly Assistant Secretary to the Board of Inland Revenue).

MR. MONTAGU COLLET NORMAN (Governor of the Bank of England).

The names of the other members of the two committees will probably be issued today. At to-day's meeting the question of the participation of German experts in the committees will also be under consideration. The Germans are willing to take part in the work of both committees.

The first committee will seek to determine how the German currency may be stabilised and the Budget balanced, and the second will study the flight of German capital abroad.

From a well-informed source I learn that the German official view is that there is not more than £75,000,000 worth of German capital invested abroad.

Allied opinion puts the figure much higher, a recent American unofficial estimate being £1,000,000,000. The Reparations Commission will also have before them to-day the German request of priority for the repayments of the credits extended in connection with the American food loan of £14,000,000.

MEETING IN JANUARY.

Reuter's Paris Correspondent adds:—"It is expected that the Reparations Commission will issue invitations to all the nominees to the Expert Committees, except the third United States delegate, who, it is believed, has not yet been selected. It is hoped that the committees will meet in Paris in the middle of January."

FRANCE'S DEBT.

BRITISH LABOUR LEADER'S VIEW.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BRUSSELS, Thursday.

I understand that Mr. Ramsay Macdonald has been in communication with M. Vandervelde with regard to the interview which the British Labour leader recently gave to a Paris newspaper on the subject of the French debt.

Mr. Macdonald has made the nature of his statement perfectly clear. It is believed that it may be accurately summarised as follows:—"I said that if France was determined to pursue her present policy, we should ask her to pay the debts which she owes us. I want, in other words, to do nothing which would allow France to arm against us at our expense, and neither at Frankfort nor elsewhere have we agreed to anything which puts us in this absurd position. I am more than ever of opinion that if we were able to arrive at a reasonable European settlement, the question of inter-Allied debts would be settled at the same time."

HIGHER SALARIES.

CIVIL SERVANTS IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Thursday.

The Chamber of Deputies has been discussing since yesterday the bill to increase the payment of public servants. The Socialists of the Left Party proposed that the increase should amount to 1,160,000,000 francs, in opposition to the Government proposal for an increase amounting to 263,000,000 francs.

The Chamber, by 331 votes to 200, to-day referred the question to a committee for further consideration.

M. De Lasteyrie, Minister of Finance, did not take the sending of the bill to committee as a question of confidence.—(Reuter.)

EARLY REPAIRS.

ENGLISH HOUSE-PAINTERS' AND DECORATORS' PLAN.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

Masters and men in the house-painting and decorating trade have combined to urge the advantage of having repairs and decorating performed in the early part of the year, when the pick of the skilled men can be had, instead of waiting until the spring, when there will be more work than can be undertaken.

There is much to be said for such a course, and it might have been added that at the present moment the plan has more to recommend it than in ordinary years, for there can be no doubt that the painters and decorators wanted for the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley will run into a large number.

No trade suffers more from what are known as seasonal effects than that referred to. In the spring and early summer more men are required than can be obtained, while for the remainder of the year unemployment has always been acute.

OIL-BURNING LINERS.

CUNARD COMPANY'S DECISION.

Following upon the Cunard Company's announcement that the Caronia and Carmania will be transferred to their Liverpool-Canadian service in the spring, it is now officially stated that the company have decided to convert these boats from coal to oil-burning. The work is to be put in hand immediately, and will be completed in time for the vessels to open the St. Lawrence season in April next.

Consequent upon this decision, the entire fleet of the Cunard passenger steamers, with the exception of the Saxonia, will burn oil fuel. The work on the two steamers will give employment to a large number of men in the shipbuilding trade. The Caronia will be converted by Messrs. Vickers at Barrow, and the Carmania by her builders, Messrs. John Brown and Company, Clydebank.

ROYAL DUTCH OIL COMPANY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
AMSTERDAM, Thursday.

An extraordinary meeting of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company was held to-day, when Mr. J. B. Aug Kessler was appointed a director.

Sir Henry Deterding, who was questioned by journalists after the meeting regarding the recent Anglo-Persian rumours, dismissed as fantastic the statements of foreign newspapers, and, when pressed for a statement, said: "I have nothing to confirm, and nothing to deny."

EARTHQUAKES IN COLOMBIA.

GUAYAQUIL, Thursday.

Latest reports from Tulcan state that earthquake shocks are continuing, and that twelve have been counted in the space of twenty-four hours. It is estimated that the number of dead amounts to 150, while several hundreds have been injured.—(Reuter.)

FEWER RUHR UNEMPLOYED.

DUSSELDORF, Thursday.

The number of unemployed here, which reached a total of 100,000 on November 15, has been reduced now to 60,000, according to official figures issued to-day.

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

KEEPING OUT LABOUR.

FACING THE FACTS.

In a leading article, *The Times* says:—In a letter which we published yesterday on the way out of the political deadlock, Lord Midleton put into words what a good many people are thinking. His contention, reduced to its simplest elements, is that the Conservative and Liberal members of the House of Commons should combine to carry on the Government of the country. He is frankly concerned to keep the Labour Party out of office. Both the Labour and Liberal leaders, with, so far as is known, the unanimous assent of their Parliamentary followers, have made it clear that their first business in the new Parliament will be to turn Mr. Baldwin's Government out. The constitutional corollary is for the Leader of the Opposition to be asked to form a Government. The Leader of the Opposition is Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, and it is on record that the Labour Party are prepared to assume the responsibilities of office. What Lord Midleton suggests is that this natural result of the working of the Constitution should be torpedoed by some sort of coalition between Conservatives and Liberals. Mr. Asquith has told us that, so far as he knows, no overtures of any sort have been made for such a combination. In any event, he has rejected all idea of such a compact as being unthinkable in the actual circumstances in which the new Parliament will meet. The proposal, therefore, hardly seems to come within the category of practical politics.

But even if it did, there are grave objections to the course which Lord Midleton recommends. It would do more harm than good to patch up an unwilling coalition. Such a combination as Lord Midleton suggests in the present state of public feeling would lack the essential elements of permanence. Not only would the Labour Party have been given such a stick to beat their opponents with as they had never had before, but their entry into office would only have been postponed. It would be highly impolitic to give the impression that the two parties were ready to sink their principles in order to keep the Labour Party out of office. The better course is to face facts fairly and squarely and to make the best of them.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

A WARNING VOTE.

The Times, in a leading article, says:—There are fine distinctions in French Parliamentary procedure. Yesterday the Chamber, by 331 to 200, decided that certain proposals on the bonus to various classes of public servants which the Budget Commission had adopted should be referred back to the Commission for reconsideration. At the close of Wednesday's debate M. de Lasteyrie, the Minister of Finance, had seemed to make the acceptance of these proposals a question of confidence in his own name and in the name of M. Poincaré. The announcement of the figures was greeted with shouts for his resignation, and apparently also for the resignation of the Government. M. Adrien Dariac, the President of the Commission, then rose to explain that the vote merely meant that the Commission would examine any new Ministerial proposal, and that it did not mean a Government defeat. M. Poincaré himself next stated that he agreed with this view. The majority had merely voted for separating certain articles proposed in the report of the Budget Commission from the others; it had not really voted against the Government.

The causes which lie behind the vote of yesterday are really more serious for the Government than the vote itself. The vote is a symptom of dissatisfaction with the home policy on the part of the Poincaré Cabinet. They will probably emerge from their present embarrassment as they emerged from their embarrassment with the Senate last May. But events of the kind, especially when they take place a few months before elections, do not tend to strengthen a Government. They dispirit its friends, they hearten its enemies, and they are unfavourably construed by the body—large in all Legislatures and in all electorates—who like to find themselves on the winning side.

GERMAN FINANCE.

GOVERNMENT SHORT OF MONEY.

The Berlin Correspondent of *The Times* writes:—Some astonishment has been caused by the announcement that the Minister of Finance, Dr. Luther, has applied to the Rentenbank for an increase of credits over and above the 1,200,000,000 rentenmarks already accorded to the Government, and has met with a refusal, and that the Government has begun the discounting of Treasury bills in rentenmarks as a means of tiding over its difficulties.

The fact that the Government is seriously short of money in itself creates no surprise, as the Government's taxation scheme, which is both overdue and suffering from further delay, cannot be productive before the new year. But in view of the fact that the Finance Minister himself only recently stated that the credits of the Rentenbank must on no account be exceeded, the application for their increase has come as a shock.

GERMAN GRAIN STOCKS.

SUFFICIENT FOR A LONG TIME.

The Berlin Correspondent of *The Times* writes:—At a conference between the Reich Food Minister, Count Kanitz, and the Food Ministers of the Federal States it was reported that the deliveries of corn had now become so satisfactory that the Reich Grain Department had stocks sufficient to overcome any danger of shortage for a long time ahead.

With regard to fats, Germany was still dependent upon imports, and foreign credits were necessary to ensure adequate supplies.

TWO NEW CARDINALS.

NO SPANISH APPOINTMENT.

The Rome Correspondent of *The Times* writes:—At a secret Consistory this morning, His Holiness, Pope Pius XI., announced his intention to the Cardinals present in Curia of conferring the Red Hat upon Monsignors Aurelio Galli, a Protonotary Apostolic and Secretary of Briefs to Princes, and Evaristo Lucidi, also a Protonotary Apostolic and Auditor to His Holiness. The chief points of interest in the allocution are the note of profound pessimism in His Holiness's reference to the state of Europe, and his reference to the Spanish visit.

With regard to the latter, it will be noted that the request of King Alfonso for the creation of new Spanish and South American Cardinals has not been granted.

HOVE MURDER.

MAN ARRESTED AT TURIN NOT MAJOR BAILEY.

The Hove (Sussex) police yesterday afternoon received definite information that the man detained at Turin is not Major Bailey. The following notice has been issued:—"A reward of £25 will be given to any person giving information that will lead to the arrest of Major Norman Percival Bailey, wanted for murder at Hove."

Two additional postcards, posted apparently by Major Bailey in London before 1.15 a.m. on December 8th, have come to light, but the police have not revealed the names of the addressees.

As a further means of identification, it is stated that the nail of the first finger of the wanted man's right hand is permanently injured, and he has a shrapnel wound in the shoulder muscles.

Jewellers and pawnbrokers are asked to be on the look out for the attempted sale of a lady's 12-carat gold watch, No. 6375, bearing on the outside of the case the numbers 91918 and 18087. Major Bailey was also in possession of a 9-carat gold albert, of a wide, twisted link pattern.

INDEPENDENCE OF SENATE.

REFUSAL TO ALTER DECISION.

MINISTER'S PLEA REJECTED.

PENALTIES UNDER THE FISHERIES BILL.

The Senate has been charged frequently with allowing the desires of the Government to influence its deliberations to an undue extent.

Yesterday it proved that it is a thoroughly independent body, which, while anxious to facilitate the Government, will not take a step that it believes to be against the public interest.

Senator de Loughrey asked the House to rescind an amendment to the Fisheries Bill which it had passed on the previous day.

The Minister for Fisheries supported the request, and asserted that, if the amendment were allowed to stand, there would be a danger that the provisions of the bill, which were needed urgently, could not be put into operation during the present close season.

The Senate, however, took the view that to alter its deliberate judgment within twenty-four hours without good reason would be an undignified and intolerable proceeding.

FISHERIES BILL.

MINISTER'S REQUEST REFUSED.

The Senate met at 3 o'clock yesterday.

Without any discussion, the House passed through all its remaining stages the Local Government Electors' Registration Bill. Then it opened the report stage of the Fisheries Bill.

Mr. de Loughrey proposed that the amendment passed in Committee on Wednesday that penalties against the fishery laws can be remitted only on the recommendation of the judge or justice who imposed them, be omitted from the bill. He spoke of the necessity for the bill becoming law at once in order to protect the fisheries during the close season.

Sir John Keane, on whose motion the amendment was adopted on Wednesday, said that the Senate, having given a considered decision, was asked, without any new reasons, to rescind within 24 hours its deliberate judgment. It was sought now to put the Senate in the position of holding up necessary legislation. The time had come, however, for that House clearly to consider its attitude. The Government had no right to assume, as it had assumed, that the bill was not controversial and send it to the Senate at the last minute. The Government had made a miscalculation of the opinion of the House.

There was no justification put forward for asking the Senate to go back on its decision, except the allegation that the measure was of urgent importance. All that the amendment did was to make it legally impossible for the Government to remit or reduce a penalty except on the recommendation of the justice or the judge, who would have all the circumstances before him.

The Minister for Fisheries assured the House that the delay in bringing forward the measure was not the fault of his Department. He had hoped to have it in operation by the middle of November, but it was kept back with the hurry of business in the Dail. He considered that a lot of the value of the bill would be lost if its provisions were not in operation this close season. Those provisions formed part of a larger measure to be introduced to codify the whole of the fishery laws before next close season, and they were taken out to meet the situation of the present season. In his opinion the amendment would create a precedent very bad in general legislation, because it would leave no room for the seasoning of justice with mercy. As he had already pointed out, penalties would not be remitted except after consultation with the judge or justice who tried the case.

"ALL EYE-WASH."

Mr. Barrington said that there were already fishery laws in existence, and it was all eye-wash to say that if the bill were not passed as it stood everything in connection with fisheries would "go to pot." Why should the Minister not accept the amendment when he said that he did not intend to remit fines? The power of remission had given rise to the greatest scandals in the past. In most cases the fines were paid by dealers, and then the defendant went to Dublin and got the fine remitted, thus getting a premium on his poaching.

There had been too many cases of bills being thrust at the House with the statement that they were urgently necessary. In some of them the Senate had been promised amendments, but the bills came back from the Dail without a single word being altered.

After all, they were the Senate of Ireland, appointed to revise legislation which might have been hastily passed by the Dail. They would not be doing their duty if they did not insist on amendments which they in their considered judgment thought to be necessary. It was belittling the Senate and belittling the Constitution if legislation was to be treated in the manner now proposed.

Mr. Westropp Bennett said that it was trying to take away from the importance and dignity of the Senate to ask them to reconsider a decision given only twenty-four hours before. There was no new argument to induce them to be so volatile. Sir John Keane's amendment seasoned justice with mercy, for it gave the justice power to recommend a remission of his sentence.

With the new proposal it looked as if the essential thing was that patronage should be preserved. The opening of the question anew put upon the Senate an obligation which should not be placed on them, for it was asking them to do a thing which in their inmost minds they knew should not be done. He would not tolerate this hasty legislation, and would not by any plea of necessity be forced to do what he might consider unnecessary or unjust. The Senate existed for the express purpose of making more useful the laws passed by the Dail.

Mr. Kenny said that with regard to defiance of the law, he thought that it would be seen that it was not so much moderation or severity of the punishment that would deter people from breaking the law as the actual conviction. They should so tighten up the

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machinery that those who committed a crime might look forward to being captured and punished, and then they would have respect for the law.

Mr. Irwin supported the motion to have the amendment withdrawn.

Colonel Moore said that the Minister promised that he would not remit punishment or penalties, but the Minister might be changed from that department to some other department. It would be better to have the law fixed on the matter.

Mr. Clayton Love appealed to Sir John Keane to withdraw his motion. Most of the fishing opened in February, and between now and then poachers might be busy. It would delay matters if the motion was not withdrawn.

Mr. O'Farrell said that he would vote against the motion. The House ought not to be stampeded into undoing what they did on the previous day.

DANGEROUS PRINCIPLE.

Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C., said that he would not intervene at all if this were not a matter of principle. He was there the previous day and the question involved in the amendment was fully discussed. They came to a deliberate conclusion, and to reconsider and alter it now would be a very dangerous principle. It was very important that the bill should get through as quickly as possible, though he thought that the urgency was not so great as the Minister feared, as the greater portion of the close season was over.

Mr. J. G. Douglas said that personally he was inclined to agree with Senator Brown that there was no use in discussing the merits of the motion of Sir John Keane which was accepted the previous day. The reason he ventured to speak now was that they had there a situation which would in the future lead to a more satisfactory method of bringing bills before the House. When a motion like that was on, one was almost always inclined to vote as one did on the previous day.

Sir John Keane said that with reference to the statement of the Minister about not interfering with the course of the law, the Minister, on behalf of the Government, had suggested that there was responsibility on the Government to tighten up the law, and that the House was undermining that. He thought that the facts were otherwise. If the Government felt their responsibility in the matter, why was not the bill brought in at the beginning of the close season? If there was any substance in the argument that the members of the Senate, by their action, were giving rein to the poacher, he would be inclined to withdraw his motion.

The motion was then put to the House and declared lost.

The bill then passed through its final stages without discussion.

CIVIL SERVICE.

ENLARGING COMMISSIONERS' SCOPE.

The Senate resumed the Committee stage of the Civil Service Regulations (No. 2) Bill, 1923.

Mr. Barrington proposed as an amendment to Clause 8 to delete the words "if so required by the Executive Council," and to authorise the Civil Service Commissioners to examine candidates for "medical, engineering, and superior clerical posts."

He said that he wished to extend the scope of the Commissioners so that it would embrace positions connected with Borough, County, and Urban Councils throughout the country. A vast amount of corruption existed in connection with some of these positions, and the desirability for a change was admitted. The country was absolutely sick of this corruption. If the amendments were passed it would mean that all appointments in this connection would be made as the result of public examination, which, he believed, was the desire of the country at large.

Colonel Moore seconded the amendment.

The Minister for Finance opposed the amendment, on the ground that it was outside the main scope of the bill. It was not a bill for local government reform, and he suggested that they could not drag local government reform into it by the hair of the head. When the Local Government Reform Bill was brought in it would contain provisions in regard to examinations for appointments under local authorities. He and his successor in the Local Government Ministry were in favour of making provision that local posts should be filled in the main at any rate on the results of either qualifying or competitive examinations; but it was a matter of sufficient importance to be legislated on separately.

He suggested that Senators who felt that the matter could not wait for the Local Government Reform Bill would give material assistance if they brought in a bill for consideration by the Senate. At present the Civil Service Commissioners had power to hold certain examinations, such as for county surveyors. The section proposed to give them power to hold any examinations which the Executive Council thought they ought to hold. If they found that any local authority would accept the results of an examination by the Civil Service Commissioners and would bear the cost of holding it, then the Executive Council would be able under the section to require the Commissioners to hold it.

With regard to the police force, the Government were making arrangements already for examinations for promotion and for admission to cadetships to be held by the Commissioners, who had also held an examination to test the fitness of the members of the force to be appointed as inspectors of weights and measures. To try to bring in the whole matter of local authorities' appointments on that bill would be "hasty legislation." (Laughter.) The effect of the amendment would be that even a private could not be admitted into the Army without being examined by the Civil Service Commissioners.

President Cosgrave said that there was a danger in dealing with the matter on that bill, when they could not have in view all the circumstances that ought to be kept in view.

The Senate passed by 13 votes to 12 that part of the amendment deleting the words "if so required by the Executive Council," but negatived the addition of the words "and for medical, engineering and superior clerical posts."

EXEMPTIONS.

Colonel Moore proposed an amendment to Section 10, the effect of which was to limit the power of Ministers to extend the classes of persons exempted from the Act. According to the schedule at present six classes of persons were excluded.

Sir John Keane strongly supported the amendment. As at present arranged the Executive Council could hold any examinations they liked. The object of legislation was to ensure the authority of Parliament. All they had to do was to exempt any class they liked, add them to the schedule, and the trick was done.

Mr. Blythe said that no addition could be made to the schedule without its having first been published in the *Gazette*, and nothing could be done in the dark, because it could be discussed in Parliament.

Mr. Brown, K.C., suggested that the amendment might be altered to read: "The Commissioners may add any situation to the schedule other than a permanent situation."

Mr. Blythe accepted the amendment as altered, and it was passed in this form.

The Committee stage of the bill was completed, and it was agreed that the report stage should be left over until after the recess.

THE STAFF.

Motions were on the paper in the names of Sir John Keane and Colonel Moore suggesting the appointment of committees to consider possible means of economy, and also the staffing of the Senate office.

The Chairman suggested that the motions should be postponed, inasmuch as the question of staff had been gone into by a joint committee representing both Houses, and would issue its report almost immediately. The report was agreed upon in all but certain details, and it would recommend that, with the exception of the Clerk and one Assistant Clerk of the Senate and certain officers of the Dail, the staff should be a joint staff for the service of the Oireachtas as a whole. Considerable economy would be effected by the proposals of the joint committee. Another saving as compared with their former expectations would result from the conclusion of the Joint Committee that a Private Bills Office for both Houses could be run by an established Civil Servant. The former idea had been that it would be necessary to appoint a Private Bill Examiner who might also act as counsel to the Senate.

The Senate agreed to the Chairman's suggestion.

LIBRARY FACILITIES.

Sir John Keane moved "that the Seanad respectfully request the Government to provide library facilities for the use of members of the Oireachtas." He pointed out the necessity for some sort of a library of books of reference available to members. He suggested that as a temporary provision the National Library might be made available to members.

The motion was supported by Messrs. Westropp Bennett and Guinness.

The Chairman said that the time was ripe for getting better accommodation generally for the Seanad. For a year they had patiently put up with many inconveniences, and he thought that something might be done to accommodate more properly the Senators, the Press and the general public.

President Cosgrave said that the question of more suitable accommodation for the Oireachtas had been under consideration for some time, and he expected to be able to put forward proposals in the new year. A committee had been appointed to go into the matter, but the results of their labours would hardly entitle them to a monument. The Oireachtas were where they were practically on the sufferance of another body, and they had overstayed their welcome. The whole position would have to be considered, and he hoped that the proposals would be satisfactory to the Senators, who had shown remarkable patience. He would look into the matter of making the National Library available for the use of members.

CONCILIATION.

Mr. Benjamin Haughton moved:—"That, with the object of avoiding industrial friction throughout the Saorstat between employers and employés, the Seanad earnestly requests the Government to devise means whereby Courts of Conciliation and Arbitration might be constituted immediately, of which the decisions would be final, and which would command the confidence of the public generally."

The Senator, in recommending his motion, said that he believed that the unemployment that prevailed was largely the result of unfortunate misunderstandings from time to time between employers and employés. Employers placed far more value on stabilisation of wages than on wage and salary reductions occurring again and again. He believed that the country was ripe for industrial peace on the lines suggested by his motion.

Mr. Guinness seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr. Westropp Bennett. The latter said that no good results could come from the Courts until there was provision made to have their decisions made final.

Sir Thomas Esmonde said that it was not possible to discuss such an important subject fully at the fag end of the last evening of the session. He would prefer if it were deferred until after the recess, and they could discuss it adequately. The Senator who had introduced the subject deserved the thanks of the Senate and the public.

They had reached a stage when they should take thought of this question, and, in the interests of the community as a whole, they should try to devise some means whereby they could secure industrial peace.

Mr. O'Farrell said that he wished to clear up a misapprehension which might prevail as a result of Senator Haughton's statement that Mr. Thomas Johnson, in the Dail, favoured what amounted to compulsory arbitration or the intervention of a judge. That was not a fact. Mr. Johnson only referred to legal disputes; that a judge might have power to interview both parties with a view to making an agreement, which would prevent the case going into court.

The debate on the matter was adjourned until the first day of the next sitting.

The House adjourned at 6.25 p.m. until January 15th at 3 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS IN THE POST OFFICE.

ARRANGEMENTS TO DEAL WITH THE "RUSH"

The Free State's postal arrangements for Christmas include the acquisition of temporary premises in which the extra work will be carried out. The national schools in Marlborough street will be used as an auxiliary office, and extra offices have been taken in the Rathmines, Pembroke, Phibsborough and James's street districts.

To cope with the work a staff of 800 temporary men have been engaged.

On the days of greatest pressure collections will be made hourly from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and, if necessary, there will be relief deliveries.

There will be a collection and delivery on Sunday and on Christmas Day, but there will be no delivery on St. Stephen's Day.

Extra despatches to and from the provinces have been arranged, and there will be a partial despatch of provincial and cross-Channel mails in each direction on Sunday.

The Post Office authorities anticipate that the volume of work to be handled this year will be heavier than that of last year, when, owing to the disturbed social conditions, there was a marked falling off in traffic.

The bulk of inward American mails is expected to be as great as heretofore. These mails alone would tax the Post Office facilities, but considerable relief will be afforded if the public responds to the appeal to "post early."

The latest time of posting in Dublin to secure delivery by Christmas Day will be, for parcels, two o'clock this afternoon, and for letters at two o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

ANOTHER OUTBREAK IN NEWCASTLE.

At a byre in Newcastle yesterday afternoon several dairy cattle were found suffering from foot-and-mouth disease. This is the first outbreak in the city for three weeks.

The animals are being slaughtered.

FARMERS' MEETING IN CREWE.

PROTEST AGAINST SLAUGHTER.

Farmers from all over the Midlands met at Crewe yesterday to discuss foot-and-mouth disease. The meeting was called by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, Colonel Bromley Davenport, and was addressed by Sir Francis Floud, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, and Sir Stewart Stockman, Chief Veterinary Officer to the Ministry. The meeting was of a very animated description.

Colonel Bromley Davenport said that the policy of slaughter had unhappily failed to produce the desired results. It had not stamped out the terrible scourge. It was lamentable to witness the destruction of thousands of England's best dairy stock, and they were beginning to ask themselves whether they could afford it. Even in the long run, how were they going to replace everything that they had sacrificed? If they did away with slaughter and introduced isolation, he was afraid that it would not have the desired effect. (Cries of "Yes, it will.") Isolation, he added, meant that all their families, villages, and homesteads would be cut off from the outside world. He did not think that they would tolerate that.

Sir Francis Floud, referring to the Government's action in stopping some sporting meetings, said that it was felt that there was grave danger in allowing large concourses of people to come from all parts of the country and possibly be the means of spreading the disease. He admitted that the greatest promptitude had not been exercised by Government officials in slaughtering owing to the scarcity of butchers, and they were now foregoing all salvage in cases of dairy cows in order to expedite slaughter. The Government was paying every attention to research work, but it was unsafe to allow certain experiments yet. The problem had baffled the greatest pathologists of the world. He was convinced that slaughter was the only remedy to stamp out the disease. They could not fold their hands and sit down and let the disease rip. The consequences would be appalling.

Many farmers complained that herds which had had the disease were now coming back to milk and were completely recovered, yet they were doomed to be slaughtered.

A resolution against the continuance of the slaughtering policy was carried after an acrimonious discussion.

HEAVY SHIPMENTS FROM THE LIFFEY.

Ten steamers took consignments of Irish live stock from the port of Dublin yesterday. The London, Midland, and Scottish Company ran four stock-carrying vessels to Holyhead, and the British and Irish Company sailed three, one each to the Mersey, Manchester, and Preston. The Burns-Laird Line had sailings to Greenock and Glasgow and Heysham, and the Sloan Line vessel, Yarrow, took stock for landing at Douglas (Isle of Man) and Silloth. Fat cattle for Christmas beef formed a large percentage of yesterday's outgoings.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

PRESIDENT'S PLEA FOR FEWER LECTURES.

CONQUEST OF DISEASE.

The President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, Sir W. J. de Courcy Wheeler, distributed the prizes to the students yesterday.

In the course of his address, he said:—I hope the day is coming when the governing bodies of medical schools, with the blessing of the General Medical Council and the full approval of the professorial staff, will see fit to reduce the number of lectures which students are at present compelled to attend. The present system prevents freedom of thought, checks the power of observation, and fatigues the brain. Optional lectures, on the other hand, while stimulating the teachers to make the subject attractive, would permit a student to miss certain lectures, if he felt his time better employed in reading at home, or, for that matter, having refreshment—I mean fresh air and exercise.

The office of President of this College is surrounded by interest, but is not free from responsibilities and care. He feels thankful, when his term of office draws to a close, that the ship has avoided hidden rocks, and has not been overwhelmed by the earthquakes and tidal waves which this country has experienced from time to time. During the last few years hardly a day has passed without presenting some problem, small, perhaps, in itself, which, if unwisely handled, might lead to shipwreck. Peaceful times are now with us, and I hope that the dangers which surrounded the College, and for that matter, all other Irish institutions, are past and gone.

THE UNIVERSAL TOUCH.

The night before last I was the guest of the Ulster Medical Society. There is no boundary between the medicine and surgery of Belfast and of Dublin, nor, for that matter, between the medical science of Ireland and any other land. It is well for us to realise that medicine and surgery are international in scope, and know no distinction of race or of speech. Medical science forms a League of Nations in itself. There were many great lawyers present at this dinner in Belfast, and a comparison was made between the outlooks of the legal and medical professions. Lord Riddell, the other night, in proposing the toast of "Medicine and the Law," in London, said that medical men were surrounded by a perpetual atmosphere of benevolence and appreciation, but that men of the law were surrounded by a perpetual atmosphere of cynicism on the part of the public. To some extent this is true, and we certainly do reap the reward of deep gratitude from patients as we climb the hill upwards towards success.

On the other hand, the profession of Law has this advantage—that when a man reaches the pinnacle of success he can sit down and contemplate a big salary and an adequate pension for the rest of his life; and advancing years do not take away his usefulness to the State. When a medical man reaches the summit he cannot afford to sit down. Advancing years—as in the case of musicians, actors, engineers, and all those engaged in the arts and crafts—destroy his efficiency with the sureness of destiny. Instead of sitting down he takes a toss over the top, and disappears into an abyss of comparative poverty, and sometimes of want. Personally, however, I have never regretted for a moment having made the profession of medicine my choice, and I hope you will always feel the same.

REMARKABLE ADVANCE.

The last twenty-five years has shown a greater advance in medicine and surgery than the previous twenty-five centuries. It is a fine thing to have lived in such times. One or two great problems remain to be solved; but the probability is that before you have reached your zenith cancer will be well under control, and will have taken its place, subdued and conquered, alongside of diabetes, syphilis and smallpox. Medical science has in recent years been able to add from ten to twelve years to the life of a man. The child born to-day has twelve more years to live, if he avails himself of the resources of surgeons and physicians, especially after he reaches the age of forty.

The difficulty of the medical profession is the easy credulity of men who, shrewd in their own business, are ready to be duped by the newest and most absurd of medical quackeries; and we are handicapped in consequence by coming too late into the field with the scientific weapons which can relentlessly check and overcome advancing disease.

THE PRIZES.

The prize list for the winter session, 1922-23 and summer session, 1923, is as follows:—

Practical Anatomy (Junior)—Joseph D. Murray, first prize and medal; P. T. Mackey, second prize and certificate.

Practical Anatomy (Senior)—Joseph Molony, first prize and medal; W. Kingsberg, second prize and certificate.

Systematic Anatomy—Joseph Molony, first prize and medal; Miss E. Kiernan, second prize and certificate.

Surface and Topographical Anatomy—Joseph Molony and James Owens, first prize and medal; W. Kingsberg, second prize and certificate.

Stoney Memorial Gold Medal—Joseph Molony.

Surgery—A. B. Kennedy, first prize and medal; R. G. F. Cookson, second prize and certificate.

Medicine—R. G. F. Cookson, first prize and medal; Miss A. Halpenny and A. ffrench O'Carroll, second prize and certificate.

Midwifery—No award.

Physiology—Mrs. M. Ryan, first prize and medal; J. A. O'Connor, second prize and certificate.

Chemistry—J. Tackney, first prize and medal.

Physics—J. Tackney, first prize and medal; P. L. O'Neill, second prize and certificate.

Histology—D. G. Black, first prize and medal; J. S. O'Neill, second prize and certificate.

Biology—S. C. Mattock, first prize and medal; P. Lundie and J. D. Murray, second prize and certificate.

Operative Surgery—A. ffrench O'Carroll, first prize, gold medal; A. B. Kennedy, second prize, silver medal.

Carmichael Scholarship, £15—No award.

Mayne Scholarship, £8—No award.

Materia Medica—S. McQuade, first prize and medal; T. S. Acheson, second prize and certificate.

Public Health and Forensic Medicine—Samuel McQuade, first prize and medal; W. D. White, second prize and certificate.

Barker Anatomical Prize—No award.

Pathology—E. J. A. Dougan, first prize and medal; W. G. Lyons, second prize and certificate.

Dental Anatomy—M. J. Glickman, first prize and medal; J. A. O'Connor, second prize and certificate.

Practical Chemistry—J. L. Miller, first prize and medal; H. Copeman, second prize and certificate.

Macnaughton Jones Gold Medal—Robert Dobbs Seale.

Captain Harry Godfrey Massy-Miles Prize—John Francis O'Connor.

COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

CONJOINT EXAMINATIONS.

Candidates have passed the Winter Conjoint Examinations of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland as undernoted:—

PRELIMINARY.—John Joseph Boyle, Margaret Comerford, Mary Creamer, Thomas Joseph Harkin, Corydon W. E. Healey, Ernest M'Cambley, Joseph Allison M'Guinness, John O'Donnell, Harold Dudley Plunkett, Francis N. S. Roberts, John D. H. Widdess.

FIRST PROFESSIONAL.—J. P. Dowling, J. F. Hynes, John Lennon, G. W. Lochtie, W. O. M'Larnon, Abraham Stein, E. S. O'Sullivan.

SECOND PROFESSIONAL.—W. V. Boland, D. Coleman, D. P. Hanly, J. Lenten, E. P. S. Lewer, Sara M. O'Neill.

THIRD PROFESSIONAL.—Sybil Atkinson, Abraham Clein, C. W. Coffey, W. Gilbert, J. Graff, J. P. Hederman, T. T. Joyce, Kathleen Keirans, K. B. M'Ginty, R. G. H. M'Nally, J. J. M'Sharry, A. H. Mackay, G. A. Moorhead, P. J. Mulcahy, J. C. Morphy, W. G. Myers, J. O'Neill, C. A. O'Riordan, T. S. Osborne, J. Rafferty, J. F. Scales, E. Whelan, D. G. White.

FINAL PROFESSIONAL.—Francis Joseph Nathy Carney, Andrew Edward Clements, Michael Henry Dobbyn, Francis Denis Fitzpatrick, William Gordon Caulfield Fitzpatrick, Henry Isaac Hawkes, Rosaleen Hilda Hoskin, Kathleen Olive Moore Kennedy, Catherine Margaret King, George Aloysius Little, John Joseph Marlborough, Sarah Matson, Francis M'Connell, Edward Austin M'Manus, John Joseph O'Donnell, James O'Donnell, William O'Neill, Vincent James O'Toole, Herbert Charlton Patterson, Gilbert Frederick Plant, Patrick Barry Ryan, Jonathan Unsworth, Samuel Percival Wallace.

DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—Dr. Thomas Kerry Reddin, Dr. John Joseph Ryan.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Candidates have passed the Winter Examination as undernoted:—

PRIMARY FELLOWSHIP.—Eileen Kiernan, William G. Lyons, Hope Trant.

FINAL FELLOWSHIP.—Charles Cooper, Joseph Cecil Gillespie, Margaret Holliday, Norman Parsons Jewell, Robert Joseph May, Richard Wood Power, Frederick Hamilton Whyte.

FINAL DENTAL.—Robert Henry England, John Ivor Hughes, Harry Frederick Barnard Kelly, Valentine M'Carthy, Kevin Vincent O'Farrell, James Francis Pegum.

MORE PRISONERS RELEASED.

Yesterday there arrived at Kingsbridge, Dublin, about 100 prisoners released from Tintown No. 3 Camp at the Curragh. Some of them, headed by Mrs. Despard, marched to No. 5 Harcourt street for refreshments.

It is estimated that the number of prisoners detained over Christmas will not exceed 500.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS DANCE.—A children's fancy dress dance, in aid of the Children's Ward of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, was held yesterday afternoon in the Engineers' Hall, Dawson street, Dublin, by the pupils of Miss Catt. The dresses worn by the guests were very striking, and the spectators, who voted for the best costumes, had some difficulty in making up their minds. The first prize for the most original costume went to Miss Aline Duncan, as a doll in a box, and the second to Miss Eleanor Adcock, a Chinese lantern. Miss Daphne Peterson, a Georgian lady, won the first prize for the prettiest costume, and Miss Eunice McLoughlin, in a Spanish dress, the second prize.

"COMMANDEERED."—A man giving the name of Michael Collins was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the Dublin Police Court yesterday for being illegally in possession of a bicycle and one month for being in illegal possession of a bicycle lamp. He said that he belonged to the Republican Army, and that the bicycle and lamp were "commandeered" from an ex-policeman by order of his "O.C." He was tried by court-martial for the offence and sentenced to death, but was afterwards reprieved. He was then sent to Mountjoy Prison and interned for nine months. After hunger-striking for fifteen days last month he was released.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.—An exhibition of Christmas cakes made by students in the School of Domestic Economy was held yesterday in the Rathmines Municipal Technical Institute. The exhibits numbered 135. The students, who included young girls and matrons, supplied their own ingredients, and the finished cakes, with their sugar decorations, were most attractive. The cakes represented the work of the third, fourth, and fifth year classes, and demonstrated the value of the instruction given in the Rathmines Technical Institute.

MERCER'S HOSPITAL "DRAW."—Last Tuesday afternoon the "draw" for the Christmas hampers presented by Messrs. Mitchell, Ltd., Grafton street, Dublin, took place in the Board Room of Mercer's Charitable Hospital, Dublin. Mr. John Robb and Captain A. Gordon Ferrier, Governors of the hospital, superintended the draw, which resulted as follows:—First prize (8732), Mr. T. J. Hailes; second prize (2301), Mrs. West; third prize (6196), Mr. Rathborne. A vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Mitchell for their kindness in continuing to present these valuable prizes each Christmastide, whereby a handsome sum of money is realised for the charity.

BAD WEATHER AT SEA.—The steamer Curran, from Rouen for Ayr, was obliged to call at Dublin yesterday for coal. The vessel's fuel ran short, owing to the adverse weather conditions experienced in the Channel. A number of colliers and small coasting vessels experienced rough trips, and were delayed in reaching Dublin yesterday morning.

LEINSTER.

CHRISTMAS HELP FOR DESTITUTE.—Meath County Board of Health has received a letter from the Local Government Department acknowledging advice of the Board's resolve to grant an increase of 75 per cent. to all recipients of outdoor relief during Christmas Week. The Department says:—"The Board of Health will have to justify their action to the auditor to whom the matter have been referred." The Chairman said that that was a threat of surcharge, and asked if the proposer would be able to justify his case. Mr. Hall, M.P., said that the old British Local Government Board always gave its sanction to increased relief at Christmas time. He was prepared to justify his action before the auditor. It was decided to reply that the proposer, seconder, and the whole Committee were prepared to justify the resolution in question.

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL, BRAY.—Lord Ardee, heir to the Earl of Meath, distributed the prizes to successful pupils of the St. Andrew's School, Bray, yesterday afternoon. Mr. William Hilton, the Head Master, referred to the great loss sustained by the death of the Rev. Mr. Glenn, ex-Moderator of the General Assembly. Prior to the distribution an operetta, "Snow White," was sung by the pupils.

PRESENTATIONS TO RECTOR.—Parishioners of Castledermot and Kinneagh, Co. Carlow, have presented the Rector, the Rev. A. D. Barbor, and Mrs. Barbor with a roll desk and chair, a silver salver and Crown Derby tea service as a mark of appreciation and affection on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Barbor's silver wedding day. Mr. Barbor has been Rector of Castledermot and Vicar of Kinneagh since 1909; for thirteen years before then he was Curate of St. Catherine's, Dublin.

LORRY AS PASSENGER VEHICLE.—At Wexford District Court, Mr. Henry Dempsey was fined £24 for using a commercial lorry as a hackney vehicle. The lorry was found with passengers in it outside a Rosslare hotel. The defence was that the lorry was lent to oblige the management of the hotel on the occasion, and that no payment for its use was made. The magistrate said that he was bound to convict, as the section stated that an offence was committed if the vehicle was "used," apart from any question of payment.

WICKLOW FOWL MARKET.—At the annual fowl market in Wicklow, when there was a large attendance of buyers and vendors and a ready demand, prices were:—Turkeys, prime quality, 1s. 9d. to 2s., others 1s. 7d. to 1s. 9d.; geese, prime quality, 1s., others 9d. and 10d.; ducks and chickens, 10d.

IN CELLAR COOL.—At Lucan yesterday, Hugh Gibney, licensed vintner, Lucan, was fined £5 for a breach of the licensing law on Sunday, December 2. A policeman said that he found four local men in a cellar at the back of the shop. It was ordered that the conviction should not be recorded on the licence.

NO TRIP TO HOLLAND.—County Wexford Committee of Agriculture has been informed that the Department of Agriculture cannot accede to the proposal that the county instructor in bee-keeping should go to Holland to purchase bees on behalf of the County Wexford Beekeepers' Association.

MUNSTER.

CORK SHIPPING DUES.—The receipts for Cork shipping dues for last week amounted to £1,963 13s., as compared with £2,623 9s. for the corresponding week of last year. The total receipts since August last are £14,755 12s. 10d., or £17,076 2s. 8d. less than for the corresponding period of last year.

ULSTER.

UNAPPRECIATED GRANTS.—Mr. P. J. Goldrick, M.P., said at a meeting of the Donegal County Council, that of the grant of £20,000 made in August, 1922, for the relief of distress, only £7,000 was expended, and the remainder reverted to the Free State Treasury. In 1921 £6,000 of the grant was not expended, yet the Council had an overdraft of £3,000. He said that the monies had reverted to the Treasury because the rules had not been carried out, and he blamed the surveyors. Other Councillors defended the surveyors, and eventually a committee was appointed to inquire into road administration with a view to getting the grants re-issued to the Council.

Clonakilty (Co. Cork) Guardians have accepted a tender for the supply of bread to the workhouse for the ensuing three months at 7d. per four pounds loaf, less a discount of 3¼ per cent.

The disused Methodist Church in Mallow has been acquired by the Cork County Technical Instruction Committee for conversion into a technical school.

William Deighan, Taghmon, Co. Wexford, was fined £5 at Wexford District Court for altering the date on a motor vehicle licence from 1922 to 1923. The magistrate described the offence as "low, dishonourable."

William and Anne Palmer, old age pensioners, who lived at Duncormick, Co. Wexford, died within a few hours of each other, and were buried together on the same day.

Meath County Board of Health has elected Mr. John Brennan, Kells, a member of the Meath County Council, to be Superintendent Home Assistance Officer at a salary of £300 a year.

Patrick Farmer, aged 40, stone mason, Mullinaulet, Ballybay, was found dead yesterday in an outhouse at the house of his cousin, Francis Farmer, with his throat cut. A razor was found beside the body, and it is believed that the wound was self-inflicted.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

REQUEST TO INFIRMARY.—At the monthly meeting of the Londonderry Infirmary Board it was reported that the late Mr. John Thomas Poston had bequeathed £3,000 to the infirmary. Mr. Robert Poston, brother of the testator, was anxious that a special wing should be built to the infirmary, to be called "The Poston Wing," and he was prepared to add £1,000 to the bequest. A deputation was appointed to meet Mr. Poston and discuss a building scheme. The committee expressed appreciation of the generous offer.

WORK—DRAWING THE DOLE.—The mother of a boy who was brought before a Belfast Court yesterday was asked by the magistrate how her son was employed. She replied: "He is not the full age yet for the bureau" (*i.e.*, dole).

NORTHERN PENSIONS COMMITTEE.—The Minister of Pensions has appointed Sir Thomas Wilson, of the Ulster Buildings, Waring street, Belfast, to be a member of the Ulster War Pensions Committee in the place of Mr. William Chaine, resigned.

DUCK POND IN YARD.—Patrick Headley and Charles Headley, both of Arthur street, Lurgan, were summoned for wasting water in their respective yards. The former was fined 5s. and the latter 2s. 6d. and costs. In the first case several ducks were found by a water inspector swimming about in an enclosed yard, with the water tap running freely. When cautioned, this defendant removed the ducks to a yard on the opposite side of the street, where a similar state of affairs existed. The defendants were father and son.

GIRL SENT FOR DRINK.—A Belfast publican was summoned yesterday for having sold porter to a girl under 18 years of age. The publican pleaded that he did not know that the girl was under 18 years and the case against him was dismissed. The mother of the girl, who was also summoned, was fined 10s.

At a meeting of the Fermanagh Agricultural Committee yesterday it was stated that eight hundred bulls had been registered in the county.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

PROTECTION FOR IRISH INDUSTRIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—The Fiscal Committee's report alludes to "those with whom the final decision and shaping of a national policy must rest." Who are these? The Committee seems to think that they are the members of the Government. They are no such persons, but they are the majority of the electors. The duty, therefore, of those who wish to see the protection and increase of Irish industries is to attempt to convince the electors, and not to trouble about the members of the Government. They can do nothing without the support of the electors. I have the greatest admiration of the courage of these men in having saved the population of Ireland from the mad actions of the so-called Republicans, but that is no reason for the electors to allow them to keep Ireland as England's home farm, seeming to think, like the late Lord Carlisle, that Ireland was created to be "the fruitful mother of flocks and herds."

Although the Fiscal Committee protested that it had no intention of giving advice, it brings all the arguments it can think of against protection—and they are very sorry arguments at best. It tells us that, perhaps, Ireland could produce bodies for motor cars, but it would be impossible for her to produce chassis. What about Ford's works in Cork? It tells us that the tax on the tobacco imports has had the effect of making English tobacco manufacturers start factories in Ireland, and thereby under-sell the few old Irish manufacturers. It, therefore, seems to suggest that it would be better for the employes to remain in England, and work there to supply the wants of the few farmers who are allowed by these professors to live in Ireland.

The object of protection is to give employment to a large number of the unemployed sons of the farmers, and not to help the dividends of the half-dozen present employers, who, no doubt, in the future would have to compete with the large number of new employers. We hear of endeavours to induce manufacturers of tyres to open tyre factories in Ireland. This Committee of learned professors would seem to object to help this movement by protection. The Irish people will not stand this; we have not gained our freedom to remain England's slaves. England's "faithful garrison" had better give in with a good grace.

Some object that we might have to pay more for our boots if they were protected. Would it not be better if we had to do so, and thereby gave work to the unemployed, instead of paying them doles out of our earnings, or forcing them to emigrate? For the last twenty years many of us have endeavoured to help the few Irish manufacturers by a system of voluntary protection, from patriotic motives, but it is already evident that we will not continue this habit, if these few manufacturers try to prevent newcomers who would be encouraged by protection. If we wish to support Irish industries, we must do so by law now that we have the power.

Again I say: Are we to be a prosperous nation or a small body of farmers to supply food for English working men? This is to be decided by the people, and not by any clique of shopkeepers, who may be making money by importing foreign goods for the general public.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN SWEETMAN.

Dublin, December 20th, 1923.

REVISION OF VOTERS' LIST.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—In reply to the letter in to-day's issue, we wish to state that anyone who applies for the "Electoral Act, 1923," can obtain copies of it at Eason's. This is the authority under which the voters' lists are being distributed, and the title is clearly given at the head of the form. There is at the present time a bill entitled "Local Government Electors' Registration Bill, 1923," which has not yet become an Act.—Yours, etc.,

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ARMY CHAPLAINS' CHEQUES.

FORGERY CHARGES AGAINST CLERKS.

In the Dublin Police Courts yesterday, before Mr. Cooper, the hearing was resumed of charges of conspiracy and forgery, relating to drafts drawn in favour of Army Chaplains, against Privates J. Hennessy, and P. J. O'Brien, clerks in the Officers' Pay and Accounts Department, Portobello, and Gerald Lombard.

Hennessy and O'Brien were alleged to have conspired with others to forge cheques, payable to William Doherty for £21 12s. 6d.; D. Flynn, £19; John Dowling, £12 10s.; and Patrick Hayes, £44 5s. They were further charged with having stolen cheques and with uttering them. The charge against Gerald Lombard was of conspiring, with three others not in custody, with having received, lodged, and drawn £19 in respect of a cheque on the Provincial Bank drawn by Captain Dallaghan, O.C., Officers' Pay and Accounts Department, in favour of D. Flynn, Army Chaplain; with forging the name of D. Flynn on the cheque and uttering it; and with having received, lodged, and drawn the amount of the cheque for £44 5s., and drawn by Captain Dallaghan in favour of Patrick Hayes.

Mr. O'Flaherty (Chief State Solicitor's Office) prosecuted; Mr. E. H. Burne appeared for Lombard, and Mr. E. B. Maguire for Hennessy.

The Rev. D. Flynn, Army Chaplain, Kells, gave evidence yesterday, and denied having signed a paying order for £19. The Rev. William Doherty, Buncrana, County Donegal, gave similar evidence with regard to the cheque for £21 12s. 6d.

The accused were remanded for a week, bail being refused, except in Lombard's case.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

The arrangements for special Services this Christmastide in Christ Church Cathedral will be as follows:—On Christmas Eve there will be a Carol Service at 3 o'clock, when several of the most favourite carols will be rendered by the Cathedral choir. On Christmas Day the preacher at Morning Service (11 o'clock) will be the Archbishop of Dublin. There will be a Festival Evensong at 3 o'clock. The anthem will be "There were Shepherds. . . . Glory to God in the highest" (Handel).

On St. Stephen's Day the Cathedral and crypt will, according to long-established custom, be open free to the public from 12 noon, when a lecture on the history of the Cathedral will be given by the Rev. W. Ross Browne, Clerical Vicar.

A NEW BOROUGH ADVOCATED.

FUTURE OF SOUTH CO. DUBLIN TOWNSHIPS.

The project of amalgamating the four coastal townships and Rathdown No. 1 rural district into one borough was considered at a public meeting, under the auspices of the South County Dublin Ratepayers' and Development Association, in the Town Hall, Kingstown, last night.

Amongst the correspondence read by Mr. M. P. O'Donnell, hon. secretary, was a letter from Mr. Edward H. Andrews, who stated that he was in perfect agreement with the objects they had in view, and, as far as he could, would assist in every way in his power. They must all stand together and under no circumstances must they come under the dominion of the Dublin City Fathers or be subject to the very high rates that they imposed.

Mr. J. M. Devitt, Chairman of the Kingstown Urban Council, wrote stating that he was in favour of the amalgamation of the urban districts of Kingstown, Blackrock, and Dalkey for administrative purposes, believing that such a change would result in greater economy and efficiency, and would provide opportunities for the development of these districts, which were not possible under present conditions.

Mr. E. J. Mallins, M.A., who presided, said that people in Dublin sought to bring the Townships of Kingstown, Blackrock, and Dalkey within the ambit of the city. That indicated an attempt to forcibly bring them within the city boundaries, and for that they would get a very enormously increased rating. Their programme for fighting this movement was an agreement between the townships, and, of course, the inhabitants, who saw eye to eye with them, and he contended that self-determination should be extended to the small townships.

"PRESSING DANGER."

Dr. J. E. Conway moved a resolution to the effect that the best interests of the residents would be served by the amalgamation of the four coastal townships and Rathdown No. 1 district into a single borough, administered by one Borough Council; and, further, that, as there was an immediate and pressing danger to those interests by a recent proposal to absorb these townships into the City of Dublin, they desired to record again their determined opposition to any such proposal.

Their Association, before they ever heard of any Local Government Act, had taken their stand. They all believed that the proposed bill contained many germs of amalgamation, but they would not be taken in, in any sense, by Greater Dublin. He submitted that an immense saving could be made by having the services of the coastal districts amalgamated and administered by one central Borough Council.

Dr. Conway referred to the conditions obtaining in the townships, and pointed out that none of them had electric lighting systems. There was no market place along the coast, and under a single borough they could provide a market and facilities for the fishing industry, and also set up an abattoir.

CURSED WITH "IDEALISM."

The population of the combined area was at present 50,000; as a single independent borough the population would soon be increased to 100,000. He held that there was no class of resident or of business in the area that would not be benefited by the amalgamation of the townships.

Behind the project for absorbing the townships into a Greater Dublin was idealism, but idealism had gone mad in this country; it had been the curse of Ireland for the past ten or fifteen years. Their Association stood for realism. However, the development of the coastal townships was of an entirely different nature to the development that was wanted in the city. There was no analogy between the two, and no good reason for the townships' absorption into the city. (Applause.)

Mr. T. Morgan Good, U.D.C., seconded the resolution. There was only one way, he said, to resist the proposed amalgamation, and that was by organisation and co-operation, and it was the duty of everyone living in the district to help to have a borough formed.

The resolution was adopted.

INDEPENDENT BOROUGH.

Mr. Courtney proposed a further resolution that a Borough Promotion Committee be formed, consisting of the officers of the Association and two representatives of each of the Councils of the districts mentioned. They were asked, he said, to amalgamate for humanitarian and patriotic purposes. As an independent borough, the co-equal of Dublin, they would agree to external association, and would combine with them for either purposes, but they must maintain the absolute independence of their own borough.

Mr. M. P. O'Donnell, who seconded the resolution, said that they were heartened by the letter of Mr. Devitt, Chairman of Kingstown Council. The only real argument advanced by the Greater Dublin Reconstruction Committee was that it was an anomaly to have so many local councils administering the affairs of this area. The remedy was not the absorption by the City of Dublin, but to form a borough which would be representative of the people, and which would bring out the best suggestions from the representatives for the improvement of the whole area.

Mr. J. P. M'Cabe, Chairman of the Blackrock Council, said that if Blackrock had to chose between the borough and absorption by the city, he would personally be wholeheartedly for the borough.

The resolution was adopted.

Dr. Merrin, Kingstown, and Mr. C. J. Reddy, solicitor, also spoke in favour of creating a borough, and emphatically condemned the absorption plan proposed by the Greater Dublin advocates.

OBITUARY.

MR. CHARLES INGLIS MOORE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Charles Inglis Moore, which occurred yesterday, at his residence, Carrig-na-Chattan, Sandycove, County Dublin. For some years Mr. Moore, who was the second son of the late Mr. James Gibson Moore, J.P., represented the interests of the Dunlop Cycle Company in America. Upon his return to Ireland he became Secretary to the Board of Messrs. Switzer, Grafton street, Dublin. Afterwards he succeeded the late Mr. Fleming, as managing director of the firm, and under his management the firm prospered in a remarkable way. He had been ailing since September last, and long sea trips and journeys abroad failed to permanently restore his health. His death will be learned with keen regret by all who were acquainted with him.

His sporting activities centred mainly in yachting. He played a useful game in hockey, as a young man, for the now defunct Corinthians Club, on whose senior team he was for some seasons, and it was about this period that his purchase of a small sailing boat discovered in him a liking and talent for sailing, and particularly for helmsmanship. In partnership with his brother, Mr. John Moore, he had a Water Wag, San Toy, built, and he rapidly worked his way up in the keen competition of Wag Club racing, until the San Toy became one of the "crack" boats of this sporting fleet. The time came when he and his brother possessed a larger craft, and the Dublin Bay 17-footer, Bobolink, was built for him, and in her also his talent as a helmsman showed itself. His next boat, still in partnership with his brother, was the Dublin Bay 21-footer, Oola, which he raced most successfully for many seasons. When the war period arrived his favourite sport was suspended for some seasons, and the Oola was sold. There was no more popular yachtsman in Dublin Bay, and there were none that felt his last illness more keenly than his old yachting friends on the Dublin coast-line.

SIR ALBERT BROWNE.

According to a Reuter's telegram from Capetown on Thursday, the death is announced of Sir Alfred Browne, who was a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Orange River Colony from 1901 to 1907, and a member of the South African Convention for the formation of the Union in 1908.

THE REV. WILLIAM ADDY.

The Rev. William Addy, Methodist minister, of Downpatrick, died yesterday morning, aged 69 years. He had served in the ministry in Clones, Newtownbutler, Irvinestown, Churchill, Mohill, Pettigo, Fivemiletown, Donegal, Castleblayney, Lisbellaw, Monaghan, Moy, Fintona, Glastry, and Ballynahinch. He had a family of seven daughters, of whom five survive, and three boys, all of whom served in the war, being attached to the Canadian Medical Corps. The youngest son was killed in 1916.

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

The Senate of Dublin University met in the Theatre of Trinity College, at 2 p.m. yesterday, for the purpose of conferring degrees. The Caput consisted of the Vice-Chancellor (Lord Glenavy), the Provost, and the Senior Master Non-Regent (Mr. E. J. Gwynn, F., T.C.D.). The attendance, which was very large, included the Rev. Dr. Roberts, S.F., T.C.D.; Dr. L. C. Purser, S.F., T.C.D.; Professor M. W. J. Fry, F., T.C.D.; Dr. Fearon, F., T.C.D.; the Rev. Dr. McNeile, the Rev. Dr. Lawlor, Dr. J. M. Purser, Dr. Bastable, Professor Clarke, Dr. Gatenby, the Rev. Dr. Luce, F., T.C.D.; Miss Cunningham, and Miss Olive Purser.

The following degrees were conferred:—

BACCALAUREI IN ARTIBUS.

MODERATORES SENIORES.—Duncan Georgius Alexander (discip. Sch.); Hornsby, Hazel Marie (discip. Sch.); King, Dorothy Shann (discip. Sch.); Johnston, Thomas Jacobus (discip. Sch.); Reid, Thomas Bertram Wallace (discip. Sch.); Bayne, Alexander Wallace (discip. Sch.); Shapira, Nathan (discip. Sch.); Gordon, Alice (discip. Sch.); Byron, Franciscus Thomas; Thompson, Hugo Ricardus; Jenkins, Raymond Gordon Finney (discip. Sch.); MacFarlane, Dorothy Mary; Hudson, Sybil Naomi Victoria (discip. Sch.); Johnston, Margaret Louise; Willis, Fredericus Roberts; Kidd, Jacobus Donald; Moss, Gladys Eveline (discip. Sch.); Montgomery, Eduardus Georgius; Malone, Eileen; Crawford, Thomas Georgius Brown; Stokes, Johannes Everard; Somerville-Large, Guilelmus Collis; Duncan, Guilelmus Linn; Warwick, Dorothy Eileen; Dunn, Edith Nora Campbell; Browne, Reginaldus Lindsay (discip. Sch.); Beere, Thekla June; Keirans, Vincentius Daly; Weinberger, Eva Barry (discip. Sch.); Killingley, Arturus Victor Grevatt; Wilson, Mary Kathleen; Bradshaw, Winifred Jessie (discip. Sch.); Oxley, Elizabeth.

MODERATORES JUNIORES.—Carson, Johannes Henricus; Trant, Hope; Brunskill, Eileen Rhoda; Hallinan, Eric.

MODERATORES JUNIORES SUPPLEMENTARII.—Mitchell, Fredericus Julianus; Murphy, Dorothy Elizabeth; Milne, Elizabeth.

RESPONDENTES.—Henry, Robertus Noel; M'Keane, Georgius Franciscus; Duncan, Kenneth Blackwood; Elkin, Eduardus Leonardus; Crampton, Guilelmus Eduardus; Fleming, Ian Torrens.

PENSIONARII.—Aldworth, Annie Eileen; Ball, Kathleen Mary; Beck, Cyrillus Moore; Bradlaw, Marcus Joseph; Cockle, Kenneth Bernardus (discip. Sch.); Cochrane, Guilelmus Ernestus; Cohen, Morris; Cussen, Johannes; Crawford, Angel Valentine Brown; Cronin, Ricardus Thomas; Dunlop, Joseph; Eliason, Joseph Elias; Fair, Aileen; Fenton, Norah Edith; Gill, Arturus Carolus; Glasgow, Johannes Stanton; Gordon, Jack Moir; Griffin, Carolus Whittaker; Gurevich, Solomon; Hanna, Johannes Ridgway; Haskins, Launcelotus Guilelmus Roe; Hawthorne, Alexander; Higgins, Ricardus Burnett; Horwich, Jerreth; Hugo, Hans Jacob; Hutton, Guilfredus Noel Maxwell; Isaacson, Isaac Jack; Keatinge, Desmond La Couse; Keatinge, Leslie Reginaldus Heber; Lawlor, Johannes Elliot Cairnes; Lawrenson, Leslie Robertus; Leonard, Johannes Andreas; M'Alister, Jacobus Daniel Beaton; M'Carthy, Norman Roberts; M'Clelland, Johannes; M'Farland, Georgius Gibson; Marin, Israel; Martin, Thomas Jacobus; Matthews, Fredericus Duncan; Meldon, Carolus Vivianus; Miller, Mary Swan; Morris, Johannes Vincentius; Nesbitt, Robertus Wallace; Nimmons, Joseph; O'Connor, Frances Elizabeth; Pedlow, Margaret Ethel; Pentony, Eduardus Joseph; Pienaar, Barnet Petrus; Pigot, Jean Jessie Wellesley; Pim, Jonathan; Proctor, Ricardus Ludovicus Gibbon; Prost, Arturus Greiveldinger; Robb, Adelaide Maud; Rudd, Eric Thomas Sutherland; Ryan, Margaret; Sayers, Ludovicus Philippus; Squires, Stanhope Sabine; Stals, Johannes Hendrikus; Steen, Robertus Elsworth; Stewart, Douglas Samuel; Tweedy, Ricardus Thomas Pilkington; Tyndall, Carolus Johannes; van Rensburgh, Willem Johannes; Walsh, Edmundus Joseph; Waters, Harry; Wilson, Carolus Herbertus.

IN ABSENTIA.—Brandt, Reginaldus Reginaldus Johannes; du Toit, Jan Andreas.

BACCALAUREUS IN MUSICA (NONDUM GRADUATUS IN ARTIBUS).—Coghill, Rhoda Sinclair.

BACCALAUREUS IN ARTE INGENIARIA ELECTRICA.—Higgins, Ricardus Burnett.

BACCALAUREI IN AGRICULTURA.—Leonard, Johannes Andreas; Line, Conrad Guilelmus.

BACCALAUREUS IN SCIENTIIS.—Maitland, Gualterus.

BACCALAUREI IN DENTARIA SCIENTIA.—Bailey, Frances Ethel; Dickson, Jacobus Alfredus Nicholson; Shaw, Johannes Cecilius Middleton; Tuke, Johannes Henricus Burland; Wall, Thomas Raymundus.

BACCALAUREI IN ARTE INGENIARIA.—Bell, Noel Gonne; Beresford, Haroldus Douglas; Bourne, Donaldus Jacobus; Cockle, Kenneth Bernardus; Fleming, Ian Torrens; Gahan, Eduardus Johannes Beresford; Heaslip, Johannes Ganly; Hutton, Guilfredus Noel Maxwell; Jackson, Cyrillus Ashworth Lyndon; Lloyd, Audoenus Acheson; M'Carthy, Norman Roberts; M'Clure, Carolus Archibaldus; M'Laughlin, David Mackey; Middleton, Samuel Henricus Windrum; Moore, Thomas Ernestus Ottiwell; Palmer, Alfredus Kingsmill; Pentony, Eduardus Joseph; Pettigrew, Johannes Simpson; Prost, Arturus Greiveldinger; Randel, Carolus Seymour Patricius; Walmsley, Georgius Cecilius.

BACCALAUREI IN MEDICINA ET IN CHIRURGIA ET IN ARTE OBSTETRICIA.—Beckett, Alfredus Johannes; Boyd, Eileen Agnes; Brown, Fredericus Georgius; Cohen, Morris; Dale, Henricus Guilelmus Loftus; Duncan, Guilelmus Linn (antea Lic.); Deale, Jacobus Edwardus; du Plessis, Pieter Coetzee; Eliason, Joseph Elias; Fisher, Robertus Lucius Cary; Glasgow, Johannes Stanton; Gordon, Jack Moir; Harris, Ludovicus; Hill, Kathleen Enda; Isaacson, Henricus; Levitt, Jack Abraham; M'Clelland, Johannes; MacDonald, Jacobus Andreas; Marin, Israel; Milmo, Dermod Hubertus Franciscus; Mounsey, Johannes Milburn; Nesbitt, Robertus Wallace (antea Lic.); O'Grady, Jacobus Joseph; Reid, Martha; Saunders, Georgius Franciscus Thomas; Smith, Guilelmus Leslie Winslow; Speedy, Isabella Hogg; Stals, Johannes Hendrikus; Watson, Johannes Desmond; Weatherill, Gladys; Whaley, Guilelmus Fredericus; Williams, Jacobus Valentinus; Williams, Norman Ernestus Hamilton Powell; Wood, Albertus Victor.

BACCALAUREI IN UTROQUE JURE.—Bayne, Alexander Wallace; Beere, Thekla June; Duncan, Georgius Alexander; Emerson, Norman David; Glover, Rev. Ernestus Augustus; Hatch, Rev. Fredericus; Hallanan, Eric; Keirans, Vincentius Daly; Reid, Thomas Bertram Wallace; Vaish, Nehal Chand (ad eund. Cantab.).

MAGISTRI IN ARTIBUS.—Bell, Jacobus (stip. cond.); Bradshaw, Charlotte Mary; Carson, Johannes Henricus; Clarke, Rev. Arturus Eduinus; Clifford, Rev. Ricardus Fredericus Martin; Cox, Samuel; Crawford, Guilelmus; Crockett, Rev. Johannes Scott; Drennan, Johannes Thomas; Foster, Henricus Robertus Victor; Gibson, Johannes Percivallus (stip. cond.); Hadden, Ethel Linden; Hadden, Rev. Hans; Huston, Carolus Guilelmus Archibaldus; Judge, Lucy Ruth; Keane, Rev. Eduardus Leonellus; Kelly, Rev. Jacobus; Lawrence, Georgius Russell; Lunn, Henricus Simpson (Eques Auratus); Lyle, Rev. Johannes M'Elderry; M'Donogh, Carolus Lewers; Madden, Rev. Harman Hoskins; Nelson, Rev. Guilelmus Johannes; Norris, Rev. Crawford Pollitt, Alfredus; Parr, Rev. Thomas; Price, Rev. Cecilius Berford; Robinson, Guilelmus; Sleith, Harley Lisle; Stewart, Rev. Guilelmus Ivers; Westmore, Rev. Guilelmus Nevitt.

BACCALAUREI IN SACRA THEOLOGIA.—Bailey, Rev. Thomas Arturus; Hodges, Rev. Evelyn Carolus.

DOCTORES IN MEDICINA.—Deane, Hector Carolus Chatterton; Fisher, Sydneius Gualterus; Horgan, Eric Sealy; Murphy, Cyrillus Jacobus Usher.

DOCTORES IN UTROQUE JURE.—Davies, Rev. Joseph Gwyn; Vaish, Nehal Chand.

DOCTOR IN SACRA THEOLOGIA.—Orr, Recte Reverendus Johannes, Episcopus Tuamensis (jure dignitatis).

IN ABSENTIA.

BACCALAUREUS IN ARTE INGENIARIA.—Johnson, Leonellus Stewart.

BACCALAUREI IN MEDICINA ET IN CHIRURGIA ET IN ARTE OBSTETRICIA.—Brandt, Reginaldus Reginaldus Johannes; du Toit, Jan Andreas, Hafner, Etienne Rodolphe.

MAGISTRI IN ARTIBUS.—Dunnicliff, Horatius Barratt (ad eund. Cantab.); Garstin, Rev. Norman Elliott; Hutcheson, Jacobus Franciscus; Laidlaw, Guilelmus Allison; Long, Samuel David; Robertson, Guilelmus Shera.

DOCTOR IN SCIENTIIS.—Dunnicliff, Horatius Barratt.

DOCTOR IN MEDICINA.—Viljet, Carolus Theodorus de Mornét.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

LAW SCHOOL.

MICHAELMAS, 1923.

FEUDAL AND ENGLISH LAW CLASS EXAMINATION.

(In the following list K.I. denotes King's Inn students; S.A. denotes Solicitors' Apprentices).

The following candidates have passed:—Frederick H. Boland, John Charles Wilson, B. Shillman (K.I.), Thomas C. Williams, A. J. M'Carthy (K.I.), C. Moore (S.A.), Frederick W. Johnston, Alfred D. Pringle, J. A. Rice, and Thomas E. Dickson, equal; M. Fitzgerald (S.A.); C. E. O'Neill (S.A.) and V. P. Dillon (S.A.), equal; Dulcie Scholefield, Joseph M. Allen, John E. Grimm, Lionel A. W. Orr, John Murtagh and Michael V. McKay, equal; P. Henrion (K.I.), William Dillon-Leetch, Dermot Vanston, John Maguire; D. Rooney (S.A.), John F. O'Mahony, and A. W. Briscoe (S.A.), equal.

DIVINITY SCHOOL.

TERM COMPOSITION PRIZES.

Senior Class—John Henry Freeman.

Junior Class—John Bourke Nolligan.

Bishop Forster's Divinity Prize—2nd prize, James Daniel Beaton McAlister.

MISCELLANEOUS PRIZES.

Michael Roberts' Prize—William Cecil Gibbon Proctor.

William Roberts' Prize—Ivan Ellis Jones.

Townsend Memorial Prize—Ernest Thomas Sinton Walton.

Dunbar Ingram Prize—Frederick Gardner Orford Budd.

Stewart Literary Scholarship—Eileen Ambrose Ardagh.

Lloyd Exhibition—David McCloy Watson.

Littledale Prize—Edna Curme FitzHenry.

Biggs Memorial Prize—Oliver William McCutcheon.

Haslett Memorial Scholarship—Cuthbert Henry Whitton.

PRIZE IN GEOLOGY.

Mineralogy Prize—Joseph Brendan Daly.

Charles Wilkins Memorial Prize—Annie McNeilly.

Mullins' Classical Exhibition—Robert Ely McGuire.

Jellet Prizes—1, William Thomas Condell; 2, John Morrison and Rowland Hubert Owen, equal.

Cluff Memorial Prize—Elizabeth Geraldine Purdon.

Prizes in Ancient History and Classical Archaeology—Alice Gordon, Robert Ely McGuire.

Higher Diploma in Education.—Part 1—Eric Hutton. Part 2—Eric Hutton.

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U.S MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED STRONG.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, *Thursday*.

Stocks opened firm, and advanced on the expectation of large dividends being declared for special issues and the preparations for early action on the Federal tax revision. High-grade Railroads were in demand, with many gains of 1 to 3 points. The market closed strong. Government Bonds easy. Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales totalled 920,000 shares. Money on call easy, closing at 4½ per cent. bid, and 4¾ per cent. asked. Actual loans were at these rates, the ruling rate being 4¾ and last loan 4½ per cent. Prime Mercantile paper was quoted at 4¾ to 5 per cent. Sterling exchange rates irregular. Silver declined ¾ for foreign mined at 64.

Railroad earnings for second week December:—Southern—Gross, $3,695,000; increase, $27,000.

The following semi-annual dividend has been declared:—Louisville and Nashville—2½ per cent.

Baltimore and Ohio Common, Erie 1st Pref. and New York Central advanced ½; Erie Railroad Shares, Bethlehem Steel Common and Royal Dutch Petroleum, ⅝; Lehigh Valley Shares, Louisville and Nashville and International Mercantile Marine Pref., 1¼; National of Mexico 1st Pref., Norfolk and Western Common, and U.S. Steel Common, 1; Union Pacific Common, ⅞; New York Consolidated Gas, ¾; and General Electric, 1½.

Chesapeake and Ohio Common, American Smelting and Refining Common, and British-American Tobacco Ord. declined ½.

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices Wed	Thur	Business Done W.	T.
117¾	Funded	102⅛	102⅛		—
109½	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	94⅞	95¼		—
100⅛	Do. Preference	87⅞	87⅞		—
84	Baltimore and Ohio	57⅞	58¼		—
182⅛	Canadian Pacific	144⅞	141⅞		—
79⅝	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	70	69¼		—
13¾	Chic. Mil. & St. Paul	11⅛	11⅝		—
87¼	Chicago and N.-West	50⅛	49⅞	—	—
33⅛	Erie 1st Preferred	29	29½	—	—
67⅞	Do. 4% Gen. Lien Bds.	34½	34⅝	—	—
84½	Great Northern Pref.	58⅝	58¾	—	—
114⅜	Illinois Central	99⅞	100	—	—
80⅝	Lehigh Valley	59⅞	60⅛	—	—
102⅞	Louisville & Nashville	88½	89¾	—	—
13¾	Missouri, Kan. & Texas	11⅛	11⅝	—	—
74½	Do. New 4% Bonds	65⅛	65⅝	—	—
59⅛	Do. Adj. 5% Bonds	57⅛	57⅛	—	—
10⅛	Missouri Pacific New	9	9⅛	—	—
4⅛	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	3	4	—	—
1⅛	Do. 2nd Pref	1⅛	1⅛	—	—
119½	N.Y. Cil. & Hudson R.	103⅞	104	—	—
118	Norfolk & West Com.	102	103	—	—
59⅛	Northern Pacific Com.	52⅛	52⅝	—	—
17¾	Ontario and Western	18⅛	18⅛	—	—
47¾	Pennsylvania Shares	41⅝	41⅛	—	—
8¾	Reading Shares	73⅞	75¾	—	—
60⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	53⅛	53⅛	—	—
90½	Do. 4% Mort. Bonds	86½	86⅞	—	—
41⅛	Southern Railway	36⅛	36⅛	—	—
91⅛	Southern Pacific	85⅛	85¼	—	—
21⅛	Texas and Pacific	18¼	18⅝	—	—
144½	Union Pacific	125	125⅝	—	—
82	Do. Pref.	71⅛	71⅛	—	—
102⅞	Do. 4% Bonds	90⅛	90¾	—	—
12	Wabash Common	10⅞	10½	—	—
38½	Do. Preferred A	33⅛	33¾	—	—
65⅛	Amer. Smelt. Refin. Com.	57⅞	57⅞	—	—
41⅝	Anaconda Copper	36⅛	36⅛	—	—
24⅞	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	22⅛	21½	—	—
66⅛	N.Y. Cons. Gas	57⅞	58⅛	—	—
121⅛	General Electric	192	193½	—	—
108½	U.S. Steel Common	93⅞	94⅛	—	—
136⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	119⅝	119½	—	—
117⅞	Do. 2nd 5% Bonds	102⅛	102⅝	—	—
—	Silver (Foreign Mined)	64¼	64	—	—
7¼	Inter. M.M. Com. Certs.	6	6⅛	—	—
33⅛	Do. Prefd Certs	28¼	29⅛	—	—
55⅝	Royal Dutch Oil	47⅛	47⅛	—	—
55½	Shell Trans.	31⅛	31⅛	—	—
71⅛	Pan-American Pet.	62⅞	62⅛	—	—
17⅞	Anglo-American Oil	15⅞	15⅝	—	—
16⅛	General Motors	14⅞	14⅞	—	—
41½	U.S. Rubber	38⅝	38½	—	—

*Asked. †Ex div. ‡Ex Bonus. §Ex rights.

	Wednesday	Thursday
Call Money	4½b. 4¾a.	4½b. 4¾a.
Ex. on Ln. 60 days' st.	4.33.75	4.33.25
Ex. on Ln. Demand Bills	4.36.50	4.36.25
Cable Transfers	4.36.75	4.36.50
Ex. on Paris	5.16½	5.16½
Cotton Mid. Upland	35.30	35.85
Do., New Orleans, Mid.	34.75	34.75
Cottonseed Oil P. Sum. Yellow Spot	11.07	11.07
Cot. Seed Oil, Yel., Jan.	10.98	10.89
Petro. Refined, in cases	17.15	17.15
Do., Standard White	14.00	14.00
Do., Philad. Stan. do.	14.00	14.00
Do., Pennsyl., Crude	2.85	2.85
Spirits of Turpentine	93	91
Do., Savannah	86½	84½
Resin, Grade K	4.35	4.40
Do., Grade F	4.60	4.70
Lard, Prime West. Stm.	13.80	13.80
Do., Midland West	13.35—13.45	13.25—13.4
Tallow, Extra	8½	8½
Sugar, New Cuban	7.41	7.41
Corn, West., No. 2 Mix.	87¼	87¼
Wheat, No. 2 Hd. Wtr.	121¼	121
Do., No. 2 Red Winter	121¼	121
Do., No. 2 Mix. Drm.	109¾	109½
Coffee, Rio No. 7	10⅛	10⅛
Flour, Spring Clears	5.00—5.50	5.00—5.50
Iron, No. 2 Nor. Fdry.	22.50—23.00	22.50—23.00
Tin, Straits	47.00	46.37½
Zinc, East St. Louis	6.20	6.22½
Electrolytic Cop. Spot	13⅛—13¼	13⅛—13¼
Do. do., Futures	13⅛—13¼	13⅛—13¼
Freight, Heavy Grain to U. Kingdom, per bushel	2/3—3/3	2/3—3/3
Freight, Heavy Grain to Continent, per bushel	16	16
Freight, Cont. to L'pool (high density)	25	25
Do. Stand. (per 100lb.)	30	30

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv	Stocks and Shares.	Closing Prices Thur.	
67⅛	Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd	60½	—
39⅞	Asbestos Corp of Canada Ltd	29¼	—
66⅜	Do. Preferred	89½	—
44⅝	Brazilian T.L. & P. Co., Ltd.	40	—
4⅛	Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd	4	—
60⅛	Do. 1st Preference, Series	54	—
14⅞	Do. 2nd Preference	14¾	—
44⅝	Brompton Pulp & Paper Co. Ltd	40	—
96⅛	Canada Cement Co., Ltd.	8 ½	—
132⅛	Canadian Cottons Co., Ltd.	110	—
12⅛	Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd	11	—
44⅝	Do. Preferred	40	—
52⅛	Con. Mining & Smelt. Co. of Canada, Ltd.	29	—
70⅛	Dominion Textile Co. Ltd.	63	—
91⅛	Laurentide Co., Ltd.	80	—
30⅛	Montreal L. H. & P. Cons	140	—
30⅛	National Breweries, Ltd.	53	—
43	Price Bros and Co., Ltd.	38½	—
133½	Shawinigan Water & Power Co	121½	—
110⅛	Spanish R. P'p & P'r Mills, Ltd	90	—
120⅛	Do. Preferred	10[illegible]½	—
82⅛	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	7[illegible]½	—

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

WHEAT—Spot market steady, ¼c. lower. Exporters took 40 boatloads of wheat and 20 boatloads of rye. Receipts—Atlantic, 519,000; last year, 783,000. Clearances, 433,000; last year, 968,000.

SUGAR steady. Porto Rico unquoted. Futures steady, 3 to 4 points up. Approximate future sugar sales, 14,000 tons. Jan., 5.38; March, 4.69; May, 4.74; July, 4.81. 20,000 bags Cuban sugar were sold to-day at 6.65 for February shipment.

COTTON opened firm, 17 points higher to 4 lower. Advances took place under the influence of encouraging cable news, improved Southern spot markets, better Manchester advices and Wall street support, but a reaction set in under selling by Southern operators and spot interests. The market rallied again on foreign interests buying, but subsequently partially declined owing to the unsatisfactory conditions of the cotton goods trade, realising and selling by New Orleans connections. The market closed steady, 30 points up to 12 points down. Spot steady at 15 points gain. New Orleans spot unchanged. Receipts—Atlantic, 4,000; Gulf, 15,000. Exports—Britain, 8,000; Continent, 1,000; Japan, 4,000. New York futures in last twenty seconds of trading:—Dec., lowest 35.87, highest 35.62; Jan., 34.55, 34.60; Feb., 34.70, 34.70; March, 34.87, 34.92; April, 34.96, 34.96; May, 35.05, 35.02; June, 34.65, 34.65; July, 34.37, 34.30; Aug., 31.40, 31.40; Sept., 29.20, 29.20; Oct., 28.35, 28.40; Nov., 28.00, 28.00. New Orleans cotton futures in last minute of trading:—March, lowest 34.89, highest 34.92; May, 34.75, 34.77.

The United States Census Bureau cotton report:—Cotton ginned prior to December 12, as announced by the Census Bureau, amounted to 9,549,000 bales, counting round as half-bales. The amount ginned up to the same time last year was 9,493,000, in 1921 7,731,000, in 1920 10,876,000, and in 1919 9,397,000 bales.

COTTON OIL irregular.

PETROLEUM steady. TALLOW steady.

IRON steady at unchanged prices.

TIN easy, 62½ points lower.

ELECTROLYTIC COPPER steady, unchanged.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat firm and 1c. up; No. 3 hard winter, 110½.

ST. LOUIS—Wheat steady at ¼c. fall; No. 2 red winter, 112.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat steady, but ¼c. lower; No. 1 Northern spring, 111½.

WINNIPEG—Wheat opened irregular, ¼c. up to ¼c. lower, and closed easy, ¼c. to ½c. cheaper; May, 98; July, 99½. Oats steady at ¼c. fall; May, 41.

CHICAGO, Thursday.

The New York, Chicago, and North-West Grain markets will close at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, the 24th inst.

WHEAT opened barely steady, ⅛c. to ¼c. down, and went lower on the bearish monthly bureau report, a slow inquiry for export and outside account, large stocks, and cash houses selling. Liquidation was in progress, and the market closed easy, 1⅛c. to ⅝c. lower. Spot easy. No 2 hard winter spot, 107½; No. 3 hard winter spot, 104½. December, 103¾; May, 108½; July, 106¼.

CORN opened steady, ⅛c. up to unchanged, and soon declined on large receipts, and in sympathy with wheat; then re-advanced under small stocks, unfavourable weather, and commission house buying. Finally, on realising and outsiders holding off, the market closed easy, ⅛c. to ⅝c. down. Spot No. 2 mixed, 83; December, 71½; May, 73½; July, 74½.

OATS easy at ⅛c. to ¼c. fall. December, 42; May, 45; July, 43.

PROVISIONS opened easy, and declined with a lower hog market and on heavy receipts, a poor outside demand, liquidation, and moderate commission house selling. The speculative sentiment was bearish throughout, and the market closed easy, with lard 7½ to 12½ points and ribs 15 to 17½ points cheaper. Pork unquoted. Lard—January, 12.10; March, 12.05; May, 12.07½. Ribs—January, 9.60; May, 9.75.

BACON easier at 12½ points decline. The receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres, including Chicago, since the 1st November total 6,705,000, against 5,379,000 for the same season last year.

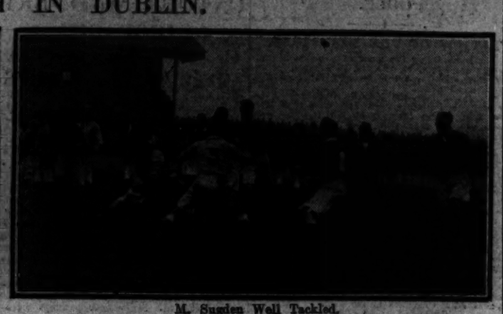
HOGS easy at 10 to 5 points fall.

	Bacon. 60lbs. average.	160 to 250 lbs.		240 to 320 lbs.	
To-day	9.75	6.40	6.90	6.80	7.10
Prev. day	9.37½	6.50	6.95	6.90	7.20

INTER-UNIVERSITY RUGBY MATCH IN DUBLIN.

Stopped.

M. Sugden Taking the Ball.



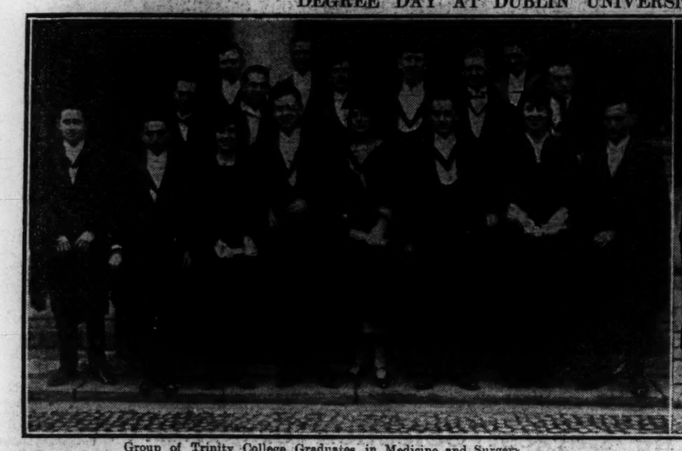
M. Sugden Well Tackled.

The Dublin University and Cambridge Fifteens who met at Lansdowne road, Dublin, yesterday. The visitors won by 22 points to 17 points.

Photo by [*Lafayette, Ltd., Dublin.*

Mr. Arthur Powell Watkins, M.C., the Worcestershire Regiment, was married to Miss Joan E. F. Blake, daughter of Mrs. Blake and the late Dr. V. Blake, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Dublin. Miss Doris Jobson (bridesmaid), Mr. Claud Watkins, M.C., R.W. Fusiliers (best man).

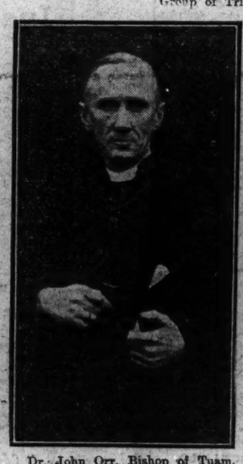
DEGREE DAY AT DUBLIN UNIVERSITY YESTERDAY.



Group of Trinity College Graduates in Medicine and Surgery

Group of Trinity College Students who obtained Engineering Degrees.

Spencer Basin (present deep-water berth), looking towards the Dufferin Dock, which is to be converted into a deep-water berth in the Belfast Harbour Reconstruction. The dock gates and piers will be removed, and the shed on left of view is to be



Dr. John Orr, Bishop of Tuam.

Miss A. Fair and Miss K. Ball.

Sir William Taylor.

A Children's Fancy Dress Dance at the Engineers' Hall, Dublin, yesterday.
Miss Kathleen Howell in an Egyptian dance.

Miss Daphne Peterson (Georgian), Miss Bunce M'Laughlin (Spain), Miss Eleanor Adcock (Chinese Lantern).

Mr. Dunlop Cunningham, Irish international Rugby Forward, shortly will take up an appointment abroad.

TRAIN OUTRAGE.

LONDON LADY ATTACKED. ASSAILANT KILLED.

A tragic affair occurred on the Metropolitan Railway system in London last night, when a lady on her way home from the city was attacked in a carriage by a man with an iron bar. Her assailant afterwards leapt from the train on to the metals and was killed.

The lady, a Miss Daisy Cotter, aged 39, of Crouch End, joined the train at Moorgate street, about 7.15 p.m., and at Farringdon street, two stations further on, a man entered the same compartment. Between that station and King's Cross, he attacked her with an iron bar, inflicting head injuries.

The woman was removed from the train at King's Cross and taken to the hospital. Her injuries are not considered to be of a dangerous nature.

The man's body was taken to the mortuary. He has not been identified. A statement issued later by Scotland Yard says that the tragedy is believed to be the result of a quarrel.

Sometimes my plays are ten miles long in the original.—Mr. Bernard Shaw.

CHUNCHU DESERTERS ACTIVE.

MANCHURIA RAVAGED.

RIGA, Thursday.

According to a Moscow message, the Soviet Press states that, owing to numerous bands of Chunchus deserters ravaging the Amur district and other parts of Manchuria, the Soviet authority there now exists only on paper. New outbreaks, it is added, have occurred in Bokhara and Ferghana, and Red troops have been sent to crush them.—(Reuter.)

SIR WILLIAM MACKENZIE'S WILL.

TORONTO, Thursday.

The will of the late Sir William MacKenzie, President of the Canadian Northern Railway, will be valued for probate at between ten and fifteen million dollars. The chief beneficiaries are Sir William's son and six daughters, each of whom will receive over one million dollars. One of the daughters is Countess de Lesseps.—(Reuter.)

FUNERAL OF MRS. JAMES MOORE.

The funeral of Mrs. James Moore (wife of the headmaster of the Masonic Boys' School) to Mount Jerome Cemetery yesterday, although of a strictly private character, was attended by a number of relatives and personal friends. The chief mourners were:—Mr. James Moore (husband), Mr. Charles Nason Haines (brother), and Mr. James Hewitt (brother-in-law). The Service was conducted by Rev. Canon Monk Gibbon, Rector of Taney. Wreaths were sent by the teaching staff of the school, the past and present pupils, and by the domestic servants.

Among those present were:—Rev. William Anderson, M.A.; Robert G. Tomlinson, David Prizsell, Thomas J. Hayes, Hon. Secretary of the School; J. M. Hamilton, Assistant Secretary; J. R. Butler, W. Moore, M.A.; J. T. Jackson, M.A.I.; S. W. Meredith, J. A. Mather, R. M. Scott, A. V. Henry, George R. Haines, H. Crumplin, Mrs. J. C. Haines, R. L. Wills, P. Wills, R. S. Bolton, J. F. Johns, T. W. J. Crawford, R. Belford, Charles G. F. Clarke, Arthur E. Belford, C. N. Jeffares, Alfred R. Parsons, M.D.; S. E. Polden, Leslie Smith, H. E. Polden, H. D. Murphy, R. D. Clarke, A. A. Buchanan, J. R. Shanks, J. P. Davidson, E. J. Ross Todd.

I do not believe that the public knows what it wants.—Mr. Charles Chaplin.

FUNERAL OF LORD WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE.

The funeral of the late Lord Willoughby de Broke took place yesterday afternoon at Compton Verney, near Warwick, the cremated remains being placed in the family vault. The chief mourner was the Hon. John Verney, who succeeds his father in the peerage. Several masters of hounds were present, and a large gathering of representatives of county families.

FUNERAL OF CHEVALIER ROCHFORD, K.S.G.

The funeral of the late Chevalier Rochford took place yesterday from the Church of the Star of the Sea, Sandymount, Dublin, after Requiem Mass at 9 o'clock, celebrated by Rev. John Hooke, C.C. (cousin of the deceased). On arrival at the Orphanage of St. Vincent de Paul the funeral *cortège* was met by the boys of the Orphanage, headed by Rev. Brother Hayes, Superior, who followed in procession to the graveside, Glasnevin Cemetery, where the last prayers were recited by Right Rev. Monsignor Dunne.

Amongst those present were:—Rev. John Rooke, C.C., and Rev. Frederick Hooke, B.A., Diocesan Examiner (cousins of the deceased); Right Rev. Monsignor Dunne, P.P., V.G.; Very Rev. Charles Ridgeway, P.P.; Very Rev. Francis Wall, P.P.; Rev. F. H. O'Loughlin, C.C.; the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, Sir Joseph A. Glynn, Redmond F. Carroll, R. M. O'Callaghan, M. R. Lalor, F. S. Walsh, T. F. Sweeny, Joseph McDermott, Solicitor; James McMullen, Dr. E. A. Doyle, Joseph A. Cassidy, Rev. Brother Hayes, F. O'Reilly (Catholic Truth Society), and very many others.

CHURCH'S SUPPORT OF LOAN.

At a meeting at Killeigh, King's County, called to establish a branch of the Cumann na nGaedheal, the Rev. W. Phelan, P.P., who presided, welcomed Protestant residents who were present, and said that the Church of Ireland, by its magnificent contribution to the National Loan, had put the Free State Government under a deep debt of gratitude. He hoped to see the day when North and South would be united.

INTERESTING LONDON WEDDING.—Mr. Walter Leslie Runciman, elder son of Mr. Walter Runciman, and grandson of Sir Walter Runciman, was married in London yesterday to Miss Rosmond Nina Lehmann, daughter of Mr. R. C. Lehmann, the well-known Cambridge oar and rowing coach.

THE SCARTAGLIN MURDERS.

SEARCH FOR LIEUTENANT GAFFNEY.

HOW HE ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY.

Lieutenant Gaffney and Volunteer Leen, of the Irish Free State Army, who are wanted in connection with the murder of Thomas Brosnan, at Scartaglin, County Kerry, on the 6th of this month, have not yet been arrested.

Gaffney escaped from the custody of the Civic Guards at Tralee, on the evening of the 12th instant, while Leen had deserted from the Free State Army on the 11th instant.

Gaffney, when taken into the Civic Guard station at Tralee, was placed in a room off the hallway, while the other five prisoners were in the dayroom, opposite. Gaffney asked the guard in charge of him to have a note conveyed to Chief Superintendent Hannigan, who was upstairs in his office. The guard stepped out into the hall in order to call one of his comrades to carry the note, and Gaffney passed out behind him. There was a considerable number of people in the hall at the time and Gaffney walked unobserved through them, and out into the night. The whole thing occupied only seconds, and although the hue and cry was raised at once, Gaffney got away.

No further news has been obtained in connection with the murder of Sergeant Woods, of the Civic Guards, at Scartaglin, on the night of December 3rd. The police believe that that crime is not connected with the murder of Thomas Brosnan.

Our Tralee Correspondent, however, states that that view is not generally accepted in the Scartaglin district.

General O'Duffy, Chief Commissioner of the Civic Guards, drove specially from Dublin on Wednesday evening, and conferred with the local authorities with regard to the Scartaglin murders. He visited the scene of the murder of Sergeant Woods, Civic Guards, and conveyed his sympathy to the Guards, and called on the parents of the murdered boy, Thomas Brosnan, and expressed his sympathy with them also.

An armed man, who is said to correspond with the description of Lieutenant Gaffney, was arrested on Wednesday night at Boherbee, County Tipperary, by Civic Guards from Newmarket. When charged with being the missing man, he neither admitted nor denied it. He is said to have made a statement to the Civic Guards, particulars of which are not yet known. He was taken to Newmarket.

"ONLY IRISHMEN NEED APPLY."

RULE MAY PROVE A BOOMERANG.

Ninety-two applications received by the Port and Docks Board for the position of Assistant Harbour Master were referred to a Committee of the whole Board, which will meet on 31st January next, when the Secretary and Harbour Master have been through the applications to see whether they all conform with the specifications set out in the advertisement of the vacancy.

Mr. Paul said that a number of men were going to sea who had matriculated and were highly educated. The Board should get the best educated man, as well as the best master mariner, and take care also to get an Irishman.

The Chairman (Mr. David Barry) said all those points would be for the Committee, who would have plenty to select from, and he was sure that they would be able to find a good Irishman among them. He expressed doubt, however, as to the wisdom of making a definite rule of exclusion of others. It might come back on Irishmen. There were many good Irishmen employed in good positions across the water. The late Chief Engineer of the port of London was an Irishman and a credit to them, and he understood that two or three of the other chief posts at London port were also occupied by Irishmen.

MEMBERS AND CONTRACTS.

Two out of three tenders received for the supply of a limited quantity of coal were from firms with which members of the Board are associated as directors. The lowest was from Messrs. Nicholls.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin said that he understood that Mr. Nicholl was a member of the Board, and he wished to have it settled once for all whether it was consistent in law for a tender to be accepted from any firm with which a member of the Board was associated, for profit either directly or indirectly, and whether such member could properly continue on the Board.

The Chairman said that many such tenders had been accepted, and contracts given, in the past, and they had all been passed as in order by the Local Government Board auditor. He ruled that the tenders were in order.

Alderman O'Brien asked for the Law Agent's opinion.

Mr. George Byrne said he thought that counsel's opinion had been obtained before to the effect that such tenders were in order.

Mr. Hewat said that as doubts had been cast upon the position of members in that matter, the sooner they had a legal opinion the better such members would be pleased.

The Law Agent said that he would be relieved if he could be allowed to take counsel's opinion, because it was a matter which had given him great difficulty, especially having regard to the fact that these tenders were not from members themselves, but from limited companies. He thought, however, that counsel's opinion, which he had been instructed to take on the case of Coast Lines, Ltd., would cover the point. The obtaining of that opinion had been delayed through various causes, but he hoped to present it to the Board shortly.

After further discussion, it was decided to accept the lowest of the tenders before the Board to fill immediate requirements, and to obtain counsel's opinion on the point raised.

WEST DEBBYSHIRE POLLING.

Polling took place in the West Derbyshire constituency yesterday under ideal conditions, a sharp frost at night being succeeded by brilliant weather. The candidates—Lord Hartington (Conservative) and Mr. Mallison (Liberal)—were loudly cheered by their respective supporters as they drove about.

Voting was steady throughout the day, and there were no incidents of an untoward nature. After dusk there was a heavy influx of working class electors, and a representative poll is assured. The counting of votes commences this morning.—(Reuter.)

Mrs. Owen, wife of an unemployed Llanfairfechan baker, has given birth to four babies, but, as in a similar case at Middlesbrough last week, all have died.

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LONDON THEATRES.

"BETHLEHEM," AT THE REGENT.

By Our Special Correspondent.

LONDON, Thursday.

Mr. Rutland Boughton's music drama, "Bethlehem," was presented at the Regent Theatre last night, and was obviously much admired and appreciated by a keenly interested audience. Simplicity and perfect harmony of colour are the characteristics of the setting of this presentation of "Bethlehem," for which Mr. Barry Jackson is responsible. The design of the costumes carries out the same note of mediæval artistic simplicity.

The composer has adapted his libretto from the Coventry Nativity play, and has displayed great skill in stringing together traditional folk songs and chorales. There was a slight monotony about the music, which was, perhaps, inevitable, as to have introduced more colour and variety of tone would probably have spoiled the naïve effect sought.

As the Virgin Mary, Miss Gwen Frangcon-Davies is beautifully impressive. The clear, sweet beauty of her voice, and her Madonna-like delicacy of feature help her considerably in the interpretation of this difficult *rôle*.

All the artists are remarkably successful in maintaining the proper atmosphere, and particularly is this so in the case of the Shepherds and the Three Wise Men.

Mr. W. Johnstone-Douglas and Miss Dorothy Dorsay sang the parts of Joseph and Herodias, splendidly. Frank Woodhouse also sang Merlin with power and feeling. The work of the choruses was admirable throughout. They sang the difficult part song in perfect time and tune.

Mr. Rutland Boughton conducted the orchestra. There is little doubt that in "Bethlehem" he has scored as great a musical triumph as in "The Immortal Hour."

"THE ROSE AND THE RING."

Thackeray's charming story of "The Rose and the Ring" has not suffered in the adaptation presented last night at Wyndham's Theatre. Mr. Harris Deans is responsible for this pantomime for great and small children, and has managed to let much of the spirit of Thackeray shine through, in spite of many lyrics and much tuneful and effective music.

Even if the very free adaptation does slightly annoy the keen Thackerayan, the clothes, which have been designed by Mr. Aubrey Hammond from original drawings, will be a source of delight. In fact, the whole play is very carefully and thoughtfully produced, and is a fine artistic achievement. The small children are catered for in the changing of a spoilt princess, by means of the magic of the fairy rose and ring, into an ugly and disagreeable personage, and by the antics of the stupid Prince Balbo, while the great children will appreciate the satire which the producer has been at pains to emphasise, and will not under-rate the really fine singing of Charles Lascelles as Prince Giglio and of Rose Hignel as the Princess Rosalba.

An excellent all-round cast has been provided by Bronson Albery and Lewis Casson, who have presented the play. This new pantomime (particularly when the action has been quickened a little) should take its place with such annual favourites as "Peter Pan," "The Blue Bird," and "The Windmill Man."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

FATAL BULL CHASE.—Chased by a bull whilst crossing a meadow near Walton-on-Thames yesterday afternoon, a man named Charles Thornton, belonging to Hyde, Cheshire, got over a fence, but dropped dead on the other side. Thornton was nearly 60 years of age.

A BLOOD-STAINED SIXPENCE.—"My little girl was very excited over the approaching Christmas," said the mother at the resumed inquest in Cardiff yesterday on Elsie Payne, 12, who died as the result of a wound in the throat. The police evidence showed that a few days after the girl's death a blood-stained sixpence was found in the shop of her uncle, into which she staggered after being wounded.

UNUSUAL PRISON RELEASE.—William Reeves, a British war veteran, has "acted himself" out of Sing Sing Prison, states a Reuter's New York message. In some recent prison theatricals Reeves played the part of an ex-convict who tried to reform criminals so realistically that the Board of Parole, which had previously refused to release him, changed their mind, and Reeves was forthwith set free.

BIG CINEMA FIRE.—A big blaze, involving the total destruction of the Pavilion Picture House, a café, and a confectionery shop adjoining, occurred early yesterday at Whitley Bay, Northumberland. The damage runs into many thousands of pounds. The cinema formerly a baths, was like a raging furnace when the brigade arrived. So alarming did the situation become that the police took the precaution of warning residents in near-by houses to leave their beds.

LEAVE TO APPEAL REFUSED.—In the Court of Criminal Appeal, London, yesterday, Albert Edward Dearnley applied for leave to appeal against his conviction for the murder of Drummer Ellis, for which he was sentenced to death at Winchester Assizes. The Lord Chief Justice, in dismissing the application, said that the point raised by the defence, that Ellis was not killed with felonious intent, had been clearly dealt with by the judge at the trial in his address to the jury.

MOTOR CYCLING BY CADETS.—General Sir Robert Whigham, at the passing-out inspection at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, yesterday, at the opening of the Christmas vacation, presented the R.M.C. Sword of Honour to Senior Under-Officer V. M. V. Tighe, an old Wellingtonian. In his report, General Corkran, the Commandant, stated that casualties among the cadets through boxing, football, and motor cycling had been very numerous, and the question of stopping motor cycling by cadets altogether was being seriously considered.

THE "CANCER CURE" CASE.—At Doncaster yesterday, the resumed hearing of the charge against David Williams, ex-miner, of inflicting grievous bodily harm on Alice Fairham, an elderly married woman, and of obtaining £11 from her by false pretences, namely, by offering an alleged cancer cure, was adjourned till January 7th. Evidence was given to show that in various cases treated by the accused laceration and pain were caused, but no cure was effected. In the Fairham case corrosive ointment was applied, and the woman was suffering from tumour and not from cancer.

"SWEET AFTON"

Cigarettes

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

PROSPECTS FOR LINGFIELD.

From Our Travelling Correspondent.
LONDON, Thursday Night.

I have referred in another page to the surprise created in this country by the story of the transfer of the National Stud to the Free State, so will pass on to the prospects of racing this afternoon at Lingfield.

There is a good deal of frost about to-night, but it is hoped that it will not be severe enough to stop the decision of a very interesting programme.

It would be a most interesting race for the Lingfield Open Steeplechase were Hawker again to oppose Clashing Arms, and additional interest would be given to it were Southampton to turn out and oppose the pair. Mr. Bennett's horse may, however, wait for an engagement at Kempton Park next Wednesday, and Southampton has an engagement later in the day. All three could meet at level weights, and my impression is that Clashing Arms, who is a certain runner, would on this easy course, which is so admirably suited to one of his impetuous type, reverse the last form with Hawker. At any rate, I take CLASHING ARMS to beat all comers.

Mr. Gore might leave this race to Silver Ring, and keep Southampton, if he runs him at all, to oppose Silvo in the Covertside Steeplechase. Now, Silvo has shown himself one of the most improved horses in training since he became acclimatised in this country, and it would be difficult to set a limit to his powers. Furthermore, he has shown himself by his brilliant victory in the Grand Sefton to be in form, whereas we have not seen Southampton on a racecourse since last April. For this reason I take SILVO to win here.

The Winter Handicap Hurdle I take to be a good thing for PREDIAL, unless a course of schooling over a country has impaired his speed.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

LINGFIELD.

1.0 Race—7 to 4 agst. Lord Callart, 5 to 2 Ned Carver, 7 to 2 Tim, 6 to 1 South Lodge, 8 to 1 Ballinahown, 10 to 1 Sirian, 100 to 6 any other.

1.30 Race—2 to 1 agst. Radiant River, 3 to 1 Long Corrie, 5 to 1 Bright's Boy, 8 to 1 White Draught, 10 to 1 Lionceau and Lancing 100 to 8 any other.

2.0 Race—7 to 4 on Clashing Arms, 7 to 2 agst. Shaun Spadah, 100 to 8 any other.

2.30 Race—2 to 1 agst. Dominican 3 to 1 Marlux, 5 to 1 Royal Sport, 7 to 1 Household Brigade, 8 to 1 each Cheap Talk and Cherry Bob, 10 to 1 Neilston, 100 to 8 each Red Indian and Montague, 100 to 8 any other.

3.0 Race—5 to 2 agst. Earl Marshall, 7 to 2 Predial, 5 to 1 Brandyball, 6 to 1 each Polytart and Moonbeam, 7 to 1 Redmer, 8 to 1 each Royal Bucks and Yahna, 10 to 1 each Boddam, Hassock, and Polisson, 100 to 6 any other.

3.30 Race—6 to 4 on Silvo, 3 to 1 agst. Morganatic Marriage, 5 to 1 Alcazar, 8 to 1 Ammonal, 10 to 1 Reahills, 100 to 6 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

LINGFIELD.

1. 0—Ned Carver.
1.30—Radiant River.
2. 0—Clashing Arms.
2.30—Dominican.
3. 0—Earl Marshall.
3.30—Silvo.

A Double Event:—Clashing Arms and Silvo (nap).

A Student of Form

HOCKEY.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY v. ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.

The visits of Scottish clubs have been quite a feature of the season, and to-day's match between Dublin and Aberdeen promises to be quite as interesting as any that have gone before. When on tour last year in Scotland Dublin found Aberdeen the biggest proposition of the trip—the match resulting in a draw of 2 all—and the visitors are said to have an equally good side this year. With the recent improvement in the ground a fast, keen match is assured. Aberdeen have come via Belfast, where they played Queen's University and Banbridge, drawing the first match 1 all, and just losing the second by the odd goal in three. Bully off 2.30 p.m. The following are the teams:—

Dublin University—R. A. Heatley; J. H. Tuke, C. Somerville-Large; M. D. Fox, E. J. Gahan, G. H. Spiller; J. M. Eyre (capt.), J. A. Leonard, W. R. Aykroyd, W. P. MacDonogh, W. E. Acheson.

Aberdeen University—Peterkin; Duthie, Greig; Carrie, Mackay, Forrest; Fraser, M'Leod, Stalker, Garden, Crabb.

Umpires—Messrs. J. S. Jackson and F. Elveen.

IRISH SENIOR AND JUNIOR CUPS.

At a meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Irish Hockey Union, held last night, the draws for the Irish Senior and Junior Cups were made and resulted as follow:—

SENIOR CUP.

ULSTER—First Round, January 12.
A.—Lisnagarvey v. Holywood.
B.—E. Antrim v. Y.M.C.A.
Second Round, January 26.
C.—Banbridge v. S. Antrim.
D.—Ards v. Winner of B.
E.—Queen's University v. North Down.
F.—Antrim v. Winner of A.
Third Round, February 16.
G.—Winner of C. v. Winner of E.
H.—Winner of D. v. Winner of F.
Final, March 8.
J.—Winner of H. v. Winner of G.
LEINSTER—First Round, January 12.
K.—Railway Union v. College of Science.
L.—Rosemount v. Dublin University.
M.—Monkstown v. Fairview C.Y.M.S.
N.—Kingstown G.S. v. Three Rock Rovers.
Second Round, January 26.
O.—Winner of N. v. Winner of M.
P. Winner of L. v. Winner of K.
Final, February 16.
Q.—Winner of O. v. Winner of P.
MUNSTER—First Round, January 12.
R.—Limerick Catholic Inst. v. Ennis.
S.—Limerick Co. v. L.P.Y.M.A.
Second Round, January 26.
T.—Winner of R. v. Winner of S.
Third Round, February 16.
U.—Winner of T. v. Queenstown Ramblers.
Semi-final, March 28.
V.—Winner of Leinster v. Winner of Munster.
Final, March 29
Winner of V. v. Winner of Ulster.

JUNIOR CUP.

ULSTER—First Round January 19.
A.—Banbridge 2nd v. Bangor.
B.—Belmont v. E. Antrim 2nd.
C.—Lisnagarvey 2nd v. South Antrim 2nd.
Second Round January 26.
D.—Hollywood v. Winner of C.
E.—Winner of A. v. Winner of B.
Third Round February 16.
F.—Winner of E. v. Winner of D.
LEINSTER (DUBLIN DISTRICT).
First Round January 19.
G.—National Bank v. Y.M.C.A.
H.—Kingstown G.S. 2nd v. Monkstown 2nd.
Second Round January 26
J.—Railway Union 2nd v. Dublin University 2nd.
K.—Three Rock Rovers 2nd v. Winner of H.
L.—Pembroke Wanderers v. Dalkey.
M.—Winner of G. v. Royal College of Science 2nd.
Third Round February 16.
N.—Winner of J. v. Winner of M.
O.—Winner of K. v. Winner of L.
Fourth Round February 23.
Winner of N. v. Winner of O.
LEINSTER (MIDLANDS SECTION).
First Round January 19.
Q.—Tullamore v. Athlone.
R.—Mullingar v. Moate.
S.—Maryborough v. Portarlington.
Second Round January 26.
T.—Winner of R v. Winner of Q.
U.—Edenderry v. Winner of S.
Third Round February 16.
W.—Winner of U. v. Winner of T.
LEINSTER (SOUTH-EASTERN SECTION).
First Round February 23.
X.—Waterford v. Wexford.
Semi-finals March 14
Winners of Midlands v. Ulster
Winner of South-Eastern Section v. Winner of Leinster (Dublin Section).
Final March 15.
Winners of above.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Dublin University v. Aberdeen University, College Park, 2.30 p.m.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

Cowden (S.) Steeplechase—Sir Eyre or Cavalry Trot.
Crowhurst Hurdle—Stratford.
Lingfield Open Steeplechase—Ardgour.
Cobham Three-Year-Old Hurdle—Spicey.
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040 BALLINAHOWN (Mr. Betteridge) Hanson 8 11 4
105 SOUTH LODGE (Capt. de Trafford) W. Payne 12 11 4
203 LOCH O' GARR (Capt. Vivian)..Gore 10 11 4
223 TIM (Mr. J. Wood) ....J. Wood 12 11 4
104 SIR EYRE (Mr. J. Wood).......J. Wood 9 11 4
221 BERGATE (Mr. Dixon) ....Lines 8 11 4
121 PROVIDENCE (Mr. Poole) ....Poole 5 11 1
CAVALRY TROT (Capt. Davey) ...Goby 6 10 11
00 MASTER MACREE (Mr. E. Davis) Roberts 7 10 11
000 BAIYAN (Mr. Ringwood).......Lerwill 7 10 11

1.30—CROWHURST ALL-AGED HURDLE of £200. 2 m.

LIONCEAU (Col. Hughes) ....Scourfield 5 12 0
04 RADIANT RIVER (Mr. Beer) Leach, jun. 4 11 12
3 BRIGHT'S BOY (Mr. Whitaker) Whitaker 4 11 6
00 OAK TWIG (Mr. Goldwater) Hammond 3 10 0
300 LANCING (Mr. Savill) ....Savill 3 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
01 LONG CORRIE (Mr. Collins) ......Bennett 5 12 9
00 DERVISH (Mr. Alexander) ....Dale 5 12 0
304 TELEPATHY (Mr. Bennett) ......Bennett 5 12 0
400 FLYING IDA (Mr. Bucknell).....Stevens 5 12 0
BACHELOR'S CALL (Mr. Harvey) Private 5 12 0
0 BELSIZE (Mr. P. Shaw) ....Bennett 5 12 0
STRATFORD (Mr. Gards) ....York 4 11 12
INVISIBLE (Miss Goodman) ....Hulme 4 11 12
000 PHAT (Mr. W. Knight) ....Doyle 4 11 12
0 MULLEIN (Lord Lascelles) ......Gore 4 11 12
3 DESERT ROSE (Mr. Miller) ....Earl 4 11 12
0 TULLYLOST (Mrs. Putnam) ....Poole 4 11 12
00 SQUARE SECTION (Sir H. Randall) W. Nightingall 4 11 12
0 PAULINUS (Miss Rodocanachi) Bowell 4 11 12
00 WITOL (Lord Rosebery) W. Nightingall 4 11 12
40 HAPPY RELEASE (Mr. Settle) ..Davis 4 11 12
00 RAYAN (Mr. Ringwood) ....Lerwill 7 11 7
00 LANCASTER ROSE (Mr. Ringwood) Lerwill 6 11 7
030 FIRST SWALLOW (Mr. A. Scott) Woodland 6 11 7
111 STUFF GOWN (Mr. Wootton) Coulthwaite 3 10 12
ENTANGLER (Mr. de Vine) ..Wootton 3 10 7
0 MARMOND (Mr. Bassett) ....Batho 3 10 0
300 JUMP FOR JOY (Mr. H. Brown) H. Brown 3 10 0
002 WHITE DRAUGHT (Mr. J. Harris) Hyams 3 10 0
0 ROVING EYE (Mrs. Horne) H. Turner 3 10 0
TULWAR (Mr. Rich) ....Martin 3 10 0
WHITE MOUNTAIN (Mrs. V. Wilson) W. Renwick 3 10 0

2.0—OPEN 'CHASE of £300. 3 m.

102 CLASHING ARMS (Col. W. Anthony) Hastings 8 11 10
022 ALCAZAR (Mr. McAlpine).......Poole 7 11 10
(The above have arrived.)
121 HAWKER (Mr. T. Bennett)....Wootton 8 11 10
221 SHAUN SPADAH (Sir M. McAlpine) Poole 12 11 10
103 CHIN CHIN (Sir F. Price)....Gilbert 7 11 10
0 TOM CROW (Lord Queenborough)..Gore 6 11 10
110 DOUBLE UP (Mr. B. Walker) F. Hartigan 6 11 10
100 ROYAL CHANCELLOR (Lord Westmorland) Westmorland 8 11 10
011 SOUTHAMPTON (Lord Woolavington) Gore 7 11 10
122 MUSIC HALL (Mr. Kershaw) Anthony 10 11 3
222 ARDGOUR (Mr. Platt)......F. Hartigan 9 11 3
301 SILVER RING (Capt. Vivian) ....Gore 11 11 3
000 RED STANDARD (Col. Croft) ....Law 9 10 10
020 BRIGHT BLUE (Mr. Hudson) ...Private 8 10 10
000 KILVEMNON (Lord Merthyr) ....Powell 8 10 10

2.30—COBHAM THREE-YEAR-OLD (S.) HURDLE of £200. 1½ m.

0 MONTAGUE (Mr. Stratton).......Stratton 10 5
(The above has arrived.)
130 CHERRY BOB (Mr. Bartholomew) J. Kelly 10 10
301 LITTLE GEM ROSE (Mr. Robb).....Robb 10 10
00 COLOANDON (Mr. W. Alden) ......Alden 10 5
00 CHEAP TALK (Mr. Baum) ....Martin 10 5
402 ROYAL SPORT (Mr. Beary) ......Bennett 10 5
0 FLIGHTY (Mrs. Bennett)........Bennett 10 5
043 MEBOS (Mrs. Bennett)..........Bennett 10 5
00 MISS FLUTTER (Mr. Betteridge) Hanson 10 5
0 CODFORD (Sir H. Bird) ....Hammond 10 5
HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE (Mr. Edge) Poole 10 5
000 DASH O' WHITE (Mr. Frame)....Killalee 10 5
VENETIAN ROSE (Mrs. T. Greenwood) Moss 10 5
000 BLOCKHEAD (Mr. T. Greenwood)..Moss 10 5
00 THATCHING GRASS (Mr. Gregson) C. Young 10 5
0 ARIANE (Mr. Hands) ....Batho 10 5
0 POLYDEUCES (Mr. Humphreys)....Smyth 10 5
0 LAKE SUPERIOR (Mr. Lines) ....Lines 10 5
0 LADY ARGALA (Capt. Mundy) ......Hare 10 5
430 MOSELEY (Mr. Phillips) ....Anthony 10 5
203 SPICEY (Mr. Pickering) ....Pickering 10 5
0 NEILSTON (Mr. Prince) ....Hedges 10 5
002 DOMINICAN (Mr. J. Reardon) J. Reardon 10 5
0 LEEDS UNITED (Mr. Reed) ....Pope 10 5
00 MORE PRIDE (Mr. P. Shaw) ....Bennett 10 5
004 PARAMOUNT CHIEF (Mr. Stacey) Dale 10 5
0 HACKDENE (Mr. E. Stanley) ....Hastings 10 5
00 RED INDIAN (Mrs. Stevens) ......Stevens 10 5
00 TORNESS (Mr. A. Williams) ....Powell 10 5
0 MARLUX (Mr. Wootton) ....Wootton 10 5

3.0—WINTER HANDICAP HURDLE of £300. 2 m.

300 MOONBEAM (Mr. Kershaw)....Anthony 8 11 0
332 ROYAL BUCKS (Mr. Hignett) Hammond 10 11 0
224 EUPHROSYNUS (Mr. S. Dennis) Poole 5 10 11
144 BRANDYBALL (Mrs. Mowson) W. Nightingall 4 10 8
000 EARL MARSHALL (Mrs. Blain) Spittle 7 10 7
00 REDMER (Mr. V. Thompson) Hartigan 3 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
011 DORADO (Ld. Lonsdale) W. Nightingall 4 12 11
0 HASSOCK (Mr. T. Barnett) ....Earl 4 12 4
004 WHITE HEAT (Mrs. Stevens)..Stevens 7 12 4
113 BODDAM (Mr. Tennent) ....Turner 4 11 13
332 DOUBLE RED (Mr. Blagrave) Whitaker 6 11 11
000 TWICKENHAM (Mr. Weller) ......Smyth 5 11 9
423 CHARLES SURFACE (Mr. Wigan) Gore 6 11 8
120 POLYTART (Mr. Quinlan) ....Killalee 8 11 7
00 SON O' LOVE (Mr. Bonn) ....Hyams 4 11 7
221 ANOTHER ATTRACTION (Mr. P. Shaw) Barnett 8 11 7
00 RED CITY (Mr. Bartholomew) J. Kelly 6 11 1
100 BETROB (Mr. Blair) ....Spittle 6 11 1
100 YAHNA (Mr. T. Pickering) ......Kemp 5 11 0
00 FETHERNADALE (Mr. Trainor) Wootton 4 10 8
000 POLISSON (Mrs. Weeden) ......Larkin 5 10 7
300 SILVANUS (Lt.-Col. Parkinson) J. Reardon 4 10 7
412 PREDIAL (Mr. Weeden).........Larkin 4 10 7
0 SCAPIN (Mr. Bontall) ....Earl 4 10 4
00 MULLAGHMAST (Mrs. Prince) Hedges 4 0 1
00 DOCTOR QUILL (Mr. Cheer) ....Clancy 4 10 0

3.20—COVERT SIDE 'CHASE of £150. 2 m.

42 THE DOWNS (Ld. Cowley) ....Powell 4 10 0
0 REAHILLS (Mr. H. Harrison) F. Hartigan 4 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
321 MORGANATIC MARRIAGE (Lt.-Col. Wayland) Wayland 6 11 11
420 SUPERMAN (Mr. Bankier) ...Hastings 8 11 11
233 ST. ENDAS (Miss Black) ....J. Wood 10 11 11
221 SHAUN SPADAH (Sir M. McAlpine) Poole 12 11 11
122 ALCAZAR (Mr. W. McAlpine) ....Poole 7 11 11
111 SILVO (Mr. Midwood) ....Whitaker 7 11 11
022 AMMONAL (Mr. J. Wood) ....J. Wood 6 11 11
011 SOUTHAMPTON (Ld. Woolavington) Gore 7 11 11
000 BALLYMACKNEY (Mr. W. Kalb) Doyle 7 11 2
3 SUBAHDAR (Mr. F. Keene) ......Gore 8 10 11
00 LANCASTER ROSE (Mr. Ringwood) Lerwill 6 10 11
100 ESMOND II. (Mr. Ringwood) ..Lerwill 7 10 11
30 SNOW LOUGH (Mr. Ross) ......Private 7 10 11
231 HUGH O'NEILL (Capt. Vivian)..Gore 6 10 11
000 FUNTINGTON (Mr. Tennent) ..Turner 5 10 8
10 COUCH O'LEARY (Mr. Dollar) W. Payne 4 10 5
WAKE UP (Ld. Glanely).......S. Bennet 4 10 0
033 BETHERSDEN MARBLE (Miss Rodocanachi) Powell 4 10 0

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Ballinavalley and Doldrums have arrived from Ireland at Whitaker's stables at Salisbury.

It is stated that the stallion, Covenanter, successfully underwent in Italy the "rejuvenation" operation, and is now in good health.

M. Ambatielos has sent Statheros (by Stedfast) and Berenis (by Chaucer) to be trained in England with a view to their engagements there next season.

F. B. Rees, J. Hogan, jun., and Captain Bennet each rode a winner at Chelmsford on Wednesday, so that the interesting race for the leadership of the cross-country riders remained unchanged. Rees (62 winning mounts) leads Hogan by one point, while Bennet's record is 59.

Colonel H. W. Studd, D.S.O., one of the famous cricketer brothers, retired from the Army this week on account of ill-health caused by wounds. He has been granted the honorary rank of brigadier-general.

LEOPARDSTOWN DECEMBER MEETING, 1923.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th AND 27th.
FIRST RACE EACH DAY 1.15 p.m.

A train, with reserved carriages for Members, leaves Harcourt street Station at 12.30 p.m. each day.

Carriages for Members will also be reserved on the Special Train leaving Foxrock at 3.35 p.m. each day after racing is over. Members will only be admitted to reserved carriages on production of their badges.

On the introduction of a Member, tickets admitting to the Members' Enclosure, can be obtained at the Members' Ticket Office on the Course: Gentlemen 2 gns., Ladies 5/6 per day.

Combined Tickets for Course and Enclosures (except Club Enclosure) can be obtained at the Booking Offices at Harcourt street Station on the days of racing.—(Advt.)

RUGBY.

INTER-UNIVERSITY MATCH.

CAMBRIDGE BACKS TOO GOOD.

TRINITY MAKE A FINE RALLY.

The annual match between Dublin University and Cambridge University at Lansdowne road yesterday was a remarkable one in many respects. The Dublin team started in most disappointing fashion, and were completely outclassed up to half-time, having 22 points registered against them, in response to which they only scored three points. A complete change came over the game in the second half, and Trinity forwards, playing in really fine style, dominated the play throughout. Not alone were Cambridge prevented from increasing their score, but they went dangerously near to having their big lead completely wiped out. For fully three-quarters of this period play was confined to Cambridge quarters, and Trinity, if they did not actually draw level, made a gallant effort against such long odds. The final score was 22 points to 17 against the Dublin side; but on the run of the play in the second half another score or two would not have been more than Trinity deserved.

The poor exhibition of the Trinity backs in the first half was unaccountable. They allowed the opposing backs to run past them without any efforts to tackle, and some of the scores were got with ridiculous ease. The forwards all through were making a fine show against the clever Cambridge eight, and even though they were not getting the ball in the scrimmages were doing some grand work in the loose. Then in the second half their play was really splendid, and again it was brought home to us that Irish forwards playing the Irish game can get the better of most teams. It was the splendid work of the forwards which enabled Trinity to score 17 points to nothing, and, as stated, another score or two would not have been more than the side deserved.

As it was, the match was only lost by the narrowest of margins, for two of Crichton's attempts at goal kicking were not more than inches off the target. Once the ball hit the upright, and on another occasion one of the touch judges in the first instance signalled a goal. Taking everything into account, however, Cambridge deserved to win. Their forwards heeled the ball cleverly from the scrimmages, and the half-backs were head and shoulders above the Trinity pair, while the three-quarters also were much smarter. Bingham alone of the Trinity backs compared favourably with his opposing man, though, indeed, there could hardly be a fault to be found with Douty's play. Hamilton-Wickes, Francis, and Young were the outstanding players of the Cambridge back division, and of a level lot of forwards Collis, Tucker, and Lowry were most prominent. All the Trinity forwards rose to the occasion in the second half, and that the side did not pull off the match was no fault of theirs. Stuart, Clinch, Crichton, Chance, and Shepherd were more prominent than the others, but all worked like Trojans.

From the start it was apparent that the Trinity backs were no match for the opposing lot, and not many minutes had elapsed before Young, the Cambridge scrum half, broke clear through from a scrimmage, and, meeting with no serious opposition, went straight under the posts for a try, which Francis converted. Some attempts by Trinity backs to get away fell through, and very shortly afterwards Young was again allowed to slip away from a scrimmage, and though his pass to Devitt went wide, the latter had plenty of time to turn back, gather, and race in for another soft try, which Francis also converted. Ten points behind after ten minutes' play was an unenviable position for Trinity, who, it seemed, were in for a heavy trouncing. A slight recovery followed, however, as after Sugden had made some ground by a clever run, Clinch charged down a Cambridge kick, and, gathering again, dived over for a try, but Gillespie failed with the kick. Loubser had to retire injured for ten minutes, and during his absence Chance worked the scrimmage. Trinity again attacked, and after some smart passing Gillespie seemed to throw away a chance when he passed to Stuart, instead of going on himself. Through failing to find touch on frequent occasions, the Trinity backs were not helping their forwards, and when Francis broke away beyond centre another Cambridge score looked certain, but Tucker knocked the pass on. The score was only delayed, however, as following passing by Hamilton-Wickes, Dallas-Conte, Thompson and Devitt, the last-named cross-kicked to Tucker, who went in for a try, and Francis converted. Following a fine run by Douty, who was well brought down by Bingham, Francis got the ball from a scrimmage, and dropped a goal. Just at this stage the tackling of the Trinity backs was very poor, and before the interval Hamilton-Wickes finished up a great run by scoring another try, which Francis could not improve upon. Thus, at half-time, Cambridge held the commanding lead of 22 points to 3.

Resuming, Cambridge forwards continued to gain possession in the scrimmages eight times out of ten, but the tackling of the Trinity backs improved. When a Cambridge movement was looking very dangerous, Bingham brought down Devitt in fine style, and Crichton relieved the attack with a kick to touch. The Trinity forwards warmed to their work after this, and, following a move, in which Stuart, Gillespie, Shepherd, and Wilde participated, Cussen was held up on the Cambridge line. From the next scrum, however, Trinity forwards rushed the ball over the line, and Shepherd scored a try. Crichton, with a splendid kick, hit the cross-bar, the ball bounding back. A dangerous Cambridge movement was checked by a splendid tackle by Bingham, who later, with a great touch-kick, sent play back to the visitors' 25. Trinity had the ball from the next scrimmage, and Gillespie, sending Cussen away, the latter knocked over Devitt, and went on to score a good try. Crichton found the kick too difficult. Continuing the pressure, Trinity were awarded a free kick for feet up in the scrimmage, and Crichton helped to further reduce arrears by landing a fine penalty goal. Cambridge were again inside their 25 shortly afterwards, but Hamilton-Wickes, intercepting a pass, raced away to the other end, where a forward pass spoiled a possible Cambridge score. There was no stopping the Dublin forwards at this stage, and a free taken by Crichton cannot have been more than inches outside the upright. Just now Tucker had to leave the field, injured, and Steele, receiving from a touch throw, made a fine run before passing to Loubser, who scored under the posts. Gillespie added the two points, and Trinity were now only 5 points in arrears. A rousing rush, in which Chance, Stuart, and Shepherd were prominent, brought the ball close to the Cambridge line, but Hamilton-Wickes nipped in for an intercept, and, running strongly, beat everyone except Bingham. He kicked when nearing the full-back, and the latter, fielding kicked to touch. A missed pass by Cusane spoiled a chance for Trinity, and just at the close Crichton was unsuccessful with an attempt at a penalty goal. Result:—

Cambridge—4 goals (1 dropped) 1 try (22 points).
Dublin—2 goals (1 penalty) 3 tries (17 points).

Teams:—

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY.

Full-back—*E. W. Bingham (Dungannon Royal School).

Three-quarters—*D. J. Cussen (Blackrock College), T. J. Millin (St. Andrew's College), *M. Sugden (Denstone), *J. F. Steele (Dungannon Royal School).

Half-backs—G. F. Gillespie (Dungannon Royal School), C. J. Loubser (Stellenbosch, S.A.).

Forwards—*R. Y. Crichton (Campbell College, Belfast), J. D. Clinch (St. Andrew's College), *I. M. Stuart (Malvern), R. H. Dowse (St. Columba's College), J. A. du Toit (Cape Town University), O. Chance (Clongowes Wood College), J. F. Wilde (Mountjoy), *J. M. Shepherd (Armagh Royal School).

*An old colour.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

Full-back—P. S. Douty (Pembroke).

Three-quarters—*R. H. Hamilton-Wickes (Pembroke), *J. E. Dallas-Conte (St. Catherine's), A. B. G. Thomson (Trinity College), *Sir T. G. Devitt (Corpus Christi).

Half-backs—*A. T. Young (Caius College), *T. E. S. Francis (Pembroke College).

Forwards—*W. E. Tucker (Caius College), W. R. Collis (King's College), *D. C. Ryder (Pembroke College), *D. C. Cuming (Caius College), *W. J. Jones (Caius College), *R. H. Lowry (Jesus College), *W. B. Scott (Pembroke College), R. D. Howell (Caius College).

*Signifies played against Oxford.

Referee—Dr. R. de C. Wheeler.

PRINCIPAL FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW

Clontarf v. Old Wesley. Castle avenue.
Palmerston v. Wanderers. Milltown.
Lansdowne v. Bective Rangers. Lansdowne road.

THE NEW ZEALANDERS' TOUR.

MATCHES IN IRELAND ARRANGED.

The New Zealand team will play Ireland at Lansdowne road on November 1st, 1924, and Ulster at Belfast on November 5th.

CRICKET.

IRISH REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES FOR 1924.

The following fixtures have been arranged for 1924—Gentlemen of Ireland v. Glamorgan County, at Belfast in June; Gentlemen of Ireland v. Gentlemen of Scotland, at Edinburgh in July; and Gentlemen of Ireland v. M.C.C., at Dublin in August.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Somerville Stakes, Newmarket—Diagram.
All engagements in Lord Glanely's name—Grand Excel.
All engagements in Mr. E. Lewis's name—Manister Rustle.
All engagements—Ros Soleil, Amalfi, Favara.
Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket, 1924—Kalerfelto II., Silverford.
Prince of Wales's Stakes, Kempton Park, 1924—Rosolio.
Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park, 1924—Silverford.

GOLF.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1923.

Golf is no longer the game of a single nation. It does not belong to Scotland, or England, or to any other country, but is probably the most universal of all games.

In point of fact, the Isles which gave birth to the Royal and Ancient game have more than held their own during the present year. The war bereft us of a generation which might have provided excellent sportsmen, but it seems that after the lapse of five years, the youth of the country is coming into its own.

The British Open Champion is an English youth, a man who has won the supreme honour in golf, early in a brilliant career. Arthur Gladstone Havers triumphed over the experienced players of the two great English-speaking nations, and his success has its counter-part in the ranks of the amateurs in that of Roger Wethered, the Amateur Champion, holder of a title which was very seriously challenged by America.

This year's big championship surprise was the defeat of Miss Joyce Wethered, sister of the Amateur Champion, in the women's event. Miss Wethered had never previously been beaten in an eighteen holes championship match, but she was overthrown by Mrs. Macbeth, who subsequently fell to Miss Doris Chambers in the final.

BRITAIN v. AMERICA.

Although, individually, our golfers excelled during the year, our collective effort to win the Walker Cup failed sensationally. We were beaten by the American amateurs after establishing a strong lead. The United States golfers must be given great credit for snatching back the Cup after it appeared to have passed from their keeping. At the present time it is not certain whether Great Britain will send a team to America to challenge for the Walker Cup next year, but it is to be hoped that such a visit will materialise.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Amateur Championship was extremely interesting. Right up to the semi-final round the great international struggle between Britain and America continued. It reached its climax when Roger Wethered beat Francis Ouimet in a glorious match which produced some of the finest golf ever played by amateurs. In beating Ouimet, Wethered avenged Cyril Tolley, his fellow-student at Oxford and his great friend. In the final Wethered, representing the younger school, was opposed by Robert Harris who is a Peter Pan among the veterans. Harris was well beaten, but he played as a great golfer who was on the top of his game. Thus, the greatest attack ever made on the British Amateur Championship was warded off.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Open Championship title came back to us after America had held it for two years. The winner, Arthur Havers, saved the old country from utter defeat. Walter Hagen, the American holder, was second. A comparatively unknown American in Macdonald Smith was third, and Joe Kirkwood (Australia) was fourth. Then came the young Scot, Tom Fernie. As Wethered is the supreme amateur of the year, so is Havers the leading professional. He wears the champion's crown at an early age, but his play subsequent to the championship has confirmed the fact that he is worthy of it.

For the most part, the older school failed. George Duncan has been the big disappointment of the year; he and Abe Mitchell, Ted Ray and Sandy Herd are the only former champions who have achieved notable victories, and the famous triumvirate, Harry Vardon, James Braid, and J. H. Taylor, appear to have passed from the vanguard. No longer do they dominate the professional game, but it is doubtful if their wonderful records will ever be equalled. Time has taken its usual toll of them.

LADIES' GOLF.

The hoped-for return of Miss Cecil Leitch to championship golf has not occurred, and in her absence, Miss Joyce Wethered is the recognised leader. It is true that she lost the British title, but she retained the English native event, and, except for that single match at Burnham, she has remained invincible throughout the year. All honour is due to the Lady Champion, Miss Doris Chambers, but even she is not of the almost unprecedented standard to which Miss Wethered belongs.

JUVENILE GOLF.

The encouragement of juvenile golf was continued by the decision of championships for the youth of both sexes. The Boys' Championship was won by a promising golfer in A. D. D. Mathieson, a previous holder of the title, and the girls' event went to Miss McKay, a girl of Scottish antecedents—like the boy champion—but domiciled in the South of England.

PROSPECTS.

We can only judge of the future by the past, and if we draw the veil aside we may glimpse a promising future. British golf is most decidedly on the upgrade. We have retained our own championships, and our golfers bear the titles of other countries. More important still—our young players of both sexes have proved themselves capable of perpetuating the supreme position of Great Britain in the Royal and Ancient game.

The principal championship winners during the year were:—

British Open—A. G. Havers.
British Amateur—Roger H. Wethered.
British Ladies—Miss Doris Chambers.
Ladies' County—Surrey.
Girls—Miss McKay.
Boys—A. D. D. Mathieson.
English Ladies—Miss Joyce Wethered.
Irish Open Amateur—G. N. C. Martin.
Irish Native Amateur—Dr. J. D. McCormac.
Irish Ladies—Miss Janet Jackson.
Irish Professional—M. O'Neill.
Welsh Open Amateur—C. J. H. Tolley.
Welsh Native Amateur—H. R. Howell.
Welsh Ladies—Miss D. Cox.
Welsh Professional—J. Milner.
Scottish Amateur—T. M. Burrell.
Scottish Ladies—Mrs. W. H. Nicholson.
Scottish Professional—A. W. Butchart.
United States Amateur—Max Marston.
United States Open—Robert T. Jones.
United States Professional—Gene Sarazen.
United States Ladies—Miss E. Cummings.
Australian Open—T. Howden.
Australian Amateur—Ivor Whitten.
Australian Ladies—Miss Gordon.
Canadian Amateur—M. J. C. Thompson.
Canadian Open—C. Hackney.
Canadian Ladies—Miss G. Collett.
New Zealand Amateur—J. Goss.
New Zealand Open—A. Brooks.
New Zealand Ladies—Miss V. Brown.
South African Open—J. Brews.
South African Ladies—Miss Armstrong.
Switzerland Amateur—P. Gannon.
French Open Amateur—Lieut.-Colonel G. D. Hannay.
French Open—James Ockenden.
French Close Ladies—Mdlle. Gaveau.
French Ladies' Open—Miss M. Gourlay.
French Professional—R. Boitcazeau.
Belgian Open—P. Boomer.
Belgian Native Professional—C. Warren.
Irish Open—R. G. Morrison.
Holland—H. Burrows.
Army—Major H. A. Boyd.

CASTLE.—On Christmas Day the clubhouse will be closed. St. Stephen's Day—Morning—Four-ball v. bogey, gentlemen; and ladies' 9 holes, strokes, sweepstakes. Afternoon, 9 holes mixed foursomes, strokes.

BRAY.—To-morrow—Bogey competition in aid of Caddy Fund. Prizes presented by Mr. J. J. Lawlor. December 26—Nine-hole sweep.

SKERRIES.—St. Stephen's Day—Competition for silver spoon.

GREYSTONES.—Ladies' medal postponed to Thursday, 27th inst.

CLONTARF.—Wednesday, 26th December—Monthly qualifying round of the Crawford Memorial Cup, 18 holes, strokes, postponed from 12th inst.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—December.	Meet.	Hour
Saturday, 22	Kilbride	1.30
THE MEATH.		
To-day	Cross Keys, Drumree	11.0
THE KILDARE.		
Saturday, 22	Straffan Bridge	11.0

EAST GALWAY HOUNDS.

The East Galway Hounds will meet as follows:—To-day, Shralea Cross; Wednesday, 26th, Eyrecourt Castle; Saturday, 29th, Ramore, January—Tuesday, 1st, Kiltormer (12 o'clock); Friday, 4th, Johnstown House; Tuesday, 8th, Stowlin; Friday, 11th, Clonfert; Tuesday, 15th, The Kennels; Friday, 18th, Green Door; Tuesday, 22nd, Aughrim; Friday, 25th, Ballynore Castle. At 11 o'clock.

QUEEN'S COUNTY HOUNDS.

The Queen's County Hounds will meet as follows. To-day, Timahoe; Monday, 24th, Peafield; Friday, 28th, Blandsfort Cross; Monday, 31st, Annegrove. January—Friday, 4th, Timogue Cross. At 11 o'clock.

THE KILDARE HOUNDS.

The Kildare Hounds will meet as follows:—Saturday, 29th, Enfield. January—Tuesday, 1st, Tipperkevin; Thursday, 3rd, Colbinstown Station; Saturday, 5th, Rathcoole; Tuesday, 8th, Athgarvan Bridge; Thursday, 10th, Mullaghmast Cross roads; Saturday, 12th, Courtown Gate; Tuesday, 15th, Naas; Thursday, 17th, Moone; Saturday, 19th, Maynooth; Tuesday, 22nd, Blackchurch; Thursday, 24th, Kildare. At 11 o'clock.

COUNTY DOWN STAGHOUNDS.

The following are the meets for January, 1924—Tuesday, 1st, Polands Bridge, 12.45; Thursday, 3rd, Castlescreen, 12.30; Saturday, 5th, Fergusons' Cross Roads, 12.0; Tuesday, 8th, 2nd Milestone, 12.45; Thursday, 10th, The Spa, 12.30; Saturday, 12th, Boardmills (Mr. Graham), 12.30; Tuesday, 15th, Mount Ida, 12.45; Thursday, 17th, Kilmegan, 12.30; Saturday, 19th, The Kennels, 12.30; Tuesday, 22nd, Pine Hill Cross Roads, 12.45; Thursday, 24th, Molly Blaney's Cross Roads, 12.30; Saturday, 26th, The Temple, 12.0; Tuesday, 29th, Quinney's Rocks, 12.45; Thursday, 31st, County Rooms, Downpatrick (Down Hunt), 12.0.

HILLSIDE HARRIERS.

Meet at Crumlin Common on Saturday, 22nd, at 1.30. Meet next Wednesday, 26th, at Rathfarnham at 1.30.

CANCER AND SKIN DISEASES.

DUBLIN HOSPITAL'S REPORT.

The Governors and friends of the City of Dublin Hospital for Diseases of the Skin and Cancer held their annual meeting yesterday evening at the hospital, Holles street, Dublin—the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor presiding.

The report, submitted by Dr. C. M. O'Brien, stated that during the year ended 30th September last, 10,793 attendances had been registered, 2,496 at the Finsen Light Department and 8,297 at the dispensaries. These patients came from all parts of Ireland. Thirty-eight cancer cases were admitted to the hospital, twelve being discharged cured, and eight being relieved. Six cancer patients were incurable.

Dr. O'Brien reviewed the history of the hospital, pointing out that in 1899 Dublin was without a skin and cancer hospital, and that it was only at the close of that year that the hospital was founded. As it existed to-day, it consisted of three houses, containing in all 50 beds. A Finsen lamp for the cure of lupus was installed in the hospital in 1901, the first in Ireland; X-rays were introduced in 1902, and in 1903 the hospital was fortunate in procuring a specimen of pure radium. All these remedies had been in daily use since, then with most gratifying results.

Proceeding, Dr. O'Brien said that, after the most careful and patient experiment with radium on cancer, he pronounced cancer curable by radium. The Free State authorities should take steps to diminish the number of hospitals in the country, increase their size, perfect their organisation, and finance, even nationalise, them, if that would be for the general weal. The Government should never allow the poor man to go without the same skilled, medical and nursing attention as was available to the wealthy.

Dr. O'Brien mentioned that the purchase had just been completed of a large fee-simple property which, it was hoped, would meet all present and future requirements. He also referred to the loss the hospital had sustained by the death of Canon Burke, who had been vice-president for twenty years.

The Rev. E. J. Cullen, Principal of St. Patrick's, Drumcondra, moved the adoption of the report, and also a resolution "that the hospital was doing good work, and was worthy of support." He said that the hospital's activities had increased, and they had had a larger number of cures in cases of the most diabolical of diseases with which humanity was tormented.

Mr. Gerald Crofts seconded the motion, and urged that financial support would be necessary now that it had been decided to acquire new premises. He was sorry that nothing had been done since the Sweep was held to maintain propaganda on behalf of the hospital.

OBJECTIONABLE DISPLAYS.

At the same time, he wished to express his disapproval of the displays made in the streets of the city on behalf of other institutions.

The Lord Mayor, in putting the motion, said that he could give sincere testimony to the quiet, unobtrusive work that was being carried on by this hospital. No limelight was sought by the people who were running the hospital. They did their work in a very human way. They did not seek in any way to prostitute—there was no other word for it—the dread disease of cancer for the purposes of advertisement, by methods which had been frequently employed in the city, and which should not be tolerated. He had followed the career of this hospital for a great many years, and was fully convinced that it was well worthy of support. (Applause.)

The motion was adopted.

The Managing Committee was re-elected on the motion of Dr. Kennedy Cahill, seconded by Father Meehan.

Votes of thanks having been passed to the medical and nursing staffs of the hospital, to the subscribers, the Corporation and the Press, the proceedings terminated.

MARTIN GURRY DEAD.

AN OLD-TIME TRAINER.

The death occurred at Newmarket yesterday morning of Martin Gurry, the old-time trainer, in his 82nd year. At various times Gurry, whose chief patrons in the 'eighties and 'nineties were Mr. Abingdon Baird and Sir James Miller, had some high-class horses under his charge. Probably the best of them was The Bard, who, but for being foaled in the same year as Ormonde, would have been enrolled among the winners of the Derby, but in that race he was beaten into second place. He had a wonderful career as a two-year-old, winning all sixteen races for which he competed, and after his Derby failure The Bard won both the Goodwood and Doncaster Cups. However, Gurry was destined to train a Derby winner, for in 1887 he prepared Merry Hampton, who won the Blue Riband for Squire Abingdon Baird. Merry Hampton had never previously raced in public. In 1895 Gurry also trained La Sagesse, who won the Oaks for Sir James Miller. Among other races won by Gurry were the Kempton Park Grand Prize with Necromancer and the Manchester November Handicap with Switchcap in 1903. Gurry owned several useful platers of his own, and when he retired from training he took up breeding and farming, but he sold his stud about two years ago owing to ill-health.

ATHLETICS.

ULSTER AND THE N.A.C.A.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Irish Amateur Athletic Association in Belfast decided that a committee, composed of representatives of the Cross-Country Association, Irish Amateur Athletic Association and Ulster Centre, Irish Cyclists' Association, should be given full powers to negotiate with the National Athletic and Cycling Association, with a view to arriving at a settlement in regard to the control of the sport in Ireland.

BOXING.

CARPENTIER AND BLOOMFIELD.

The Paris *Auto* states that negotiations for a meeting between Carpentier and Bloomfield have been broken off. The same journal learns from London that Carpentier will shortly figure in a cinema film which is to be taken in London and the country, in which he will play a principal part.

THE RING, BLACKFRIARS.

The return meeting at The Ring, Blackfriars, London, last night between Kid Kelly (Plymouth) and George Garrard (Acton), at 8st. 2lb., provided a keen, clever and clean contest. Kelly, who had won the previous match, was again the better boxer, particularly with the left, but he was down for a count of seven in the thirteenth round. He fought back admirably, however, and at the end of an interesting twenty rounds was a good winner on points.

LAWN TENNIS.

MAJOR RANDALL WINS THE BRISTOL CUP OUTRIGHT.

The fourth professional lawn tennis championship for the Bristol Cup, which began on the courts of the Mentone Club on Monday last, concluded yesterday, Major Randall, Metropole, Cannes, retaining his title, and winning the trophy outright by defeating Negri, Nice, in the final—6-2, 6-3, 7-5.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily News:—Double—Radiant River and Silvo.

Daily Mirror:—Double — Clashing Arms and Silvo (nap).

Daily Graphic:—Double — Tim and Southampton.

Daily Express:—Double — Clashing Arms and Silvo. Safety bet—Clashing Arms (to win).

Daily Chronicle:—Double — Ardgour or Clashing Arms and Predial. "To Beat the Book"—Ardgour (if absent, Clashing Arms).

Westminster Gazette:—To-day's best — Clashing Arms. Double—Clashing Arms and Silvo.

Daily Mail:—Special selection — Clashing Arms.

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IRISH PLOTHOLDERS' UNION.

THE NOTICES OF EVICTION.

A special meeting of the Council of the United Irish Plotholders' Union took place at 27 Gardiner's place, Dublin, on the 16th instant, when the following resolution was passed, and copies were directed to be sent to President Cosgrave and to the Free State Minister of Agriculture:—

"That, having regard to the loss that would be inflicted on plotholders on the compulsorily acquired areas, through the destruction of their winter crops, if compelled to surrender their plots on the 31st December, 1923, we request the Minister of Agriculture to suspend the notice of eviction issued by the Department of Agriculture, pending negotiations with the landowners and the introduction of the promised Allotments Bill."

CHARGE OF RAIDING A POST OFFICE.

At the Cork District Sessions yesterday, Daniel O'Neill, Pope's quay, was returned for trial, without bail, on a charge of raiding the Butter Market Post Office, and taking cash and stamps valued for £7 17s. 9d.

Evidence was given that at 4.40 on the 28th September two armed men entered the office, and the accused, it was alleged, went inside the counter and presented a revolver at the staff, and ordered them to face the wall. Money and stamps were handed to the man outside the counter.

An assistant and the postmistress followed the men to Francis street, but lost sight of them at the North Infirmary.

In addition to the two men inside the post office, there were three others outside.

An application for bail was refused.

A TOWN TENANTS BILL.

Captain William Redmond, who attended the last Committee meeting of the All-Ireland Town Tenants' League, expressed his willingness to introduce in the Dail the proposed Town Tenants Bill. A reasonable bill, framed on the lines suggested by the Town Tenants' Conference, would have a fair chance of passing into law.

It was unanimously agreed that the bill to be introduced should provide for: (a) Fixity of tenure; (b) the setting up of courts to fix fair rents; (c) to deal with the vital and important question of repairs, and give powers to the local authorities to carry out repairs where the owners neglect to do them, and to collect the rent until the cost of the repairs has been discharged.

MANSION HOUSE COAL FUND.

To-day at 4 o'clock the annual public meeting in connection with the Mansion House Coal Fund will be held in the Mansion House, Dublin. The Lord Mayor and the Rev. Dr. Denham Osborne, honorary treasurers, and Sir John Irwin and Mr. J. J. Nagle, honorary secretaries, will be glad to receive subscriptions from those who are unable to attend the meeting.

BILLIARDS.

FALKINER v. INMAN.

Yesterday afternoon at Liverpool this match of 16,000 was resumed, and during the session each led in turn, but at the interval Falkiner held the advantage. The principal breaks were 67, 61 and 191 by Falkiner, and 86, 90, and 162 by Inman. Interval scores:—Falkiner (in play), 12,277; Inman, 12,176.

In the evening Falkiner's best break was 107, and Inman, playing consistently, compiled 126 twice and 207 (unfinished). Closing scores:—Inman (in play), 12,947; Falkiner, 12,726.

The annual rate of mortality last week averaged 14.7 per thousand.

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New Steamships.—Four new steamers have been ordered by the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, as an addition to their fleet, which already contains eighty vessels. Two of the new ships will be built by Messrs. Vickers, of Barrow, and two by Messrs. Beardmore, of Glasgow.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S LINGFIELD MEETING

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Sportsman	Ned Carver.	Long Corrie.	Clashing Arms.	Mebos.	Double Bed.*	Silvo.
Man on the Spot	Tim.	Bright's Boy.	Clashing Arms.	Mebos.	Charles Surface.	Silvo.
Sporting Life	Ned Carver.	Bright's Boy.	Clashing Arms.*	Flighty.	Charles Surface.	Silvo.
Man on the Spot	Ned Carver.	Long Corrie.	Clashing Arms.	Flighty.	Charles Surface.*	Silvo.
Westminster Gazette	Providence.	Long Corrie.	Clashing Arms.	Mebos.	Predial.	Silvo.
Daily News	Lord Callart.	Radiant River.	Clashing Arms.	Dominican.	Earl Marshall.	Silvo.*
Daily Chronicle	Ned Carver; if ab., Tim.	Radiant River.	Ardgour; if ab., Clashing Arms.	Dominican.	Predial.*	Southampton.
Daily Express	Poole's selected; if ab., Tim.	Bright's Boy.	Clashing Arms.*	Little Gem Rose; if ab., Cherry Bob.	Predial; if ab., Nightingall's best.	Silvo (next best).
Daily Mirror	South Lodge.	Bright's Boy.	Clashing Arms.	Household Brigade.	Charles Surface.	Silvo.
Daily Graphic	Tim.	Long Corrie.	Shaun Spadah.	Hackdene.	Charles Surface.	Southampton.*
Star	Ned Carver.	Long Corrie.	Clashing Arms.*	Mebos.	Boddam.	Morganatic Marriage.
Evening News	Tim.	Radiant River.	Clashing Arms.*	Hackdene.	Predial.	Southampton.*
Evening Standard	Bergate.	G. Bennett's best.	Double Up.	Dominican.	Another Attraction.	Silvo.
Times	South Lodge.	Stuff Gown; if ab., Bright's Boy.	Clashing Arms.	Dominican; if ab., Mebos.	Charles Surface.	Southampton; if ab., M'ganatic Marriage.
Daily Mail	Sir Eyre.	Radiant River.	Clashing Arms.	Dominican.	Earl Marshall.	Morganatic Marriage.

FINANCIAL

IRISH STO[CK] EXCHANGES

DUBLIN.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

HOLIDAY INFLUENCES RESTRICT BUSINESS. FUNDS STILL FALLING, WITH UNDERTONE OCCASIONALLY IMPROVING. GUINNESS ORD. AND DISTILLERS PREF. BETTER. IRISH-AMERICAN OIL PREF. STRONG. TOBACCOS FLAT ON THE B.A.T. DIVIDEND BEING UNCHANGED.

With the exception of substantial, and almost general, dealing in British Funds, and to a less extent in Breweries and Distilleries, business on the Dublin Stock Exchange was distinctly poor in volume, and many important sections were practically drawn blank. The Funds were mostly weaker on a preponderance of selling pressure, but here and there support was coming forward more freely. Banks were steady, with Nationals bid for up to 20. Breweries were quietly supported, and Distillery Pref. issues were again in request, and improved. Marconi Ord. rallied a little.

Practically neglected often for want of support, as stock was on offer, but Midland Great Western 4½ p.c. Debs. closed at a slight recovery.

Dunlop and Parent Tyre issues did not quote. Textile shares varied a few pence.

Trams were idle and featureless. In the later market, were very flat, as the expected increase in the British-American dividend did not materialise. These are not times to do more than maintain distributions quite irrespective of actual earnings.

In the Funds, Funding Loan rose ¼ to 86½, and Local Loans ⅛ to 65⅛, but Consols fell ⅛ to 54⅞, War Loan 4½ p.c. ¼ to 96⅛, Victory Bonds ¼ to 90½, Conversion 3½ p.c. ¼ to 75⅝, Guaranteed 2½ p.c. Land Stock ¼ to 55¾, and India 3 p.c. Stock 1 to 55¾, while War Loan 5 p.c. repeated 99⅛, and Irish Land 3 p.c. 61¾.

In Banks, Nationals recovered ⅛ to 20, but Munster and Leinsters fell ⅛ to 6¾, while Hibernians repeated 7.

Breweries and Distilleries were pretty busy. Guinness Ord. rose ¼ to 57⅛, but the Pref. fell ⅛ to 11¾. Dublin Distillers Pref. rose 1s. to 69s., and J. Power and Son Pref. 1½d. to 21s., 21s. 1½d.

Marconi Ord. rallied 4½d. to 39s. 4½d. Radio shares were neglected.

Home Rails were almost neglected. Midland Great Western 4 p.c. Debs. rallied ¼ to 64, and Great Northern Pref. were offered down to 62, a fall of 2 points, but buyers did not declare.

In Trams, Dublin United Ord. repeated 6¾, and in Drapery shares Todd Burns Ord. again realised 16s.

Manufacturing shares were again very idle. Coats Ord. rallied 3d. to 66s. 9d. British-American Tobaccos at the earlier market fell 6d. to 102s. 6d., but were offered down to about 100s. at the later session. Imperials realised 68s.

Trading shares were neglected, but Dockrell Debs. repeated 85, and in Miscellaneous securities a few Dublin Artisan Dwelling shares realised 6½, a fall of ⅛.

Other business done included Courtaulds at 59s., and Irish American Oil Pref. rose 9d. to 20s., 20s. 3d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.

Transactions for cash marked *.

Consols .....(55¼) 54⅝ | Pref. (7.68%) 69/-
War Loan .....(96½) 96⅛ | Guinness .....(37⅛) 37⅛
5% War Loan.....(99⅛) 99⅛ | Do. Pref. .....(11⅛) 11⅜
Funding Loan.(86¼) 86⅛ | Power (P. (21/-) 21/-, 1/1
Victory Bonds...(91) 90½ | Marconi .....(39/-) 39/4
Conver. Loan...(75¼) 75⅛ | G.N. Pref. .....(64) 62a
Guar. 2½ Stock..(57) 56⅞ | W.G.W. A.Y. Deb.(63½) 64
War Bonds '28.....100 | Dublin Trams.....(64) 64
Do. Conv. 5) '27...104 | Dockrell Deb.....(66) 6
2½ Land Act...(56) 55⅝ | Todd Burns .....(16/-) 15/-
3% Land Act.(61½) 61¼ | S.A.T. .....(103/-) 102/6
Local Loans...(65⅛) 65⅛ | Imp. Tob.....(67/-) 68/-
India 3% .....(56¼) 55¾ | Coats .....(60/6) *60/9
Hibernian Bank...(7) 7 | Cantrells .....(68/6) *59/-
Mun. & Lein.....(64⅛) 64 | Irish-Amer. Oil..20/- 20/3
National .....(19½) 20

(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount ..... 5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit ..... 2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day ... Dec. 21 | Jan. 7
General contango day ... Dec. 24 | Jan. 8
Ticket day ..... Dec. 27 | Jan. 9
Account day ..... Dec. 28 | Jan. 10

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The Stock Exchange will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next.

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange was listless yesterday, but prices generally were steady. War Loan, after declining ⅛ to 99⅜, closed at 99⅞. War Bonds lower at 105. Westminster Bank new were unchanged at 49s. 6d. Brookfield Linen Co. 5 p.c. Pref. declined 1¼ to 4. Coats Ord. 9d. lower at 66s. Inglis and Co. 6 p.c. Pref. unchanged at 21s. 1½d. M'Connell's Ropery 5 p.c. Pref. repeated 4½. British-American Tobacco 102s.; Imperial Tobacco declined 6d. to 67s. 6d.; Irish Times "5½ p.c. Pref. unchanged at 67s. 6d.; Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. 21s.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles a fairly steady market. Good buying of Sewing Cottons. Bleachers 45/-45/6, do. Pref. 21/-21/6, Dyers 56/-57/-, Pref. 15/6-15/9, Calicos 29/6-29/9, Do. Pref. 19/6-20/-, 17/9, Spinners 46/6-47/-, Coats 60/-60/6, Cottons 49/- "Stubbers 8/-8/3, Ship Canal, 84/9, 9/-, 45/6, do. Pref. 19/6-20/-, Pref. 8/4-8/5, Velveta 26/-27/-.

BIRMINGHAM.—Market again very quiet. Austin Industries still falling, 4⅜. Standard Motors Debentures firmer. Rovers steady. Hillmans firmer. Rovers steady. Calthorpes 4/9, strong. Austins 2/6, Hillmans 45/-, Calthorpes 4/9, Components 4/-, S.T.D. 6/1½, Enfields 21/-, Singers 2/9, 2/7½, Rolls 28/-, Rovers 14/1½, Triumphs 29/9, Vauxhalls 46/6, Swifts 6/-, Triumphs 29/9, Vauxhalls 46/6, Daimlers 7/4½, Parent Delerred 25/6, Harper Bean 1/3, Calcotts 38/9.

TEA SHARES.

Prices weaker in small market. Anglo-Ceylon Estates, 4/3—6d. Assam, £117—1½; Consolidated Plant., 76/-—1/-; Con. T. and L. Ord., 2/3¾—¼; Do. Pref., 70/6+9d.; Jokai, 66/-; Jorehaut, 65/6—6d.; Lungia, 28/6+1/-; Nedeem, 57/-; Tanjore, 66/-; Amalgamated Com. Pref., 8/-.

Business done—Amalgamated Com. 46/9, 7/-, 6d., 7/-, ¼; Anglo-Ceylon, 46/9, 7/-, 6d.; Doorahs, 70/6, 6d.; Dokowella, 24/6; Doorahs, Consolidated, 2/3, ¼; Dokowella, 24/6; Do. Pref., 70/6, 6d.; Jokai Assam, 60/3¾, 4d.; Nedeem, Jorehaut, 65/6; Lungia, 28/6+1/-; Peacock, 57/-; Budia Ikel, 43/-; Deamooiie, 87/-, 6d.; Peacock and Nilambe, 3/-, 2/10, 2/10½; Tea Corp.Ord., 21/9, 7jd.; Yatadella, 20/3.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

In view of the many fusions that are taking place among Brewery undertakings at the present time the rumours that the Cannon Brewery Company is taking over the brewery at Rickmansworth and associated houses of Salter and Co. is not without significance. The Cannon Brewery Co., whose interests include all the shares of the Mile End Distillery, has a share capital of £2,950,000, and nearly £1,000,000 of debentures outstanding. While the rumours referred to are unofficially denied, they still await confirmation, and a statement from the secretary may be expected in a day or two.

It might be argued (says the *Evening Standard*) that the Heifferich financial policy, initiated early in the war, contributed in some measure to the vicissitudes that ultimately resulted in the collapse of the German economic position. It was reckless inflation. In these circumstances the selection of Herr Schacht, of the Disconto Gesellschaft, as new President of the Reichsbank, is to be welcomed. The claims of Herr Heifferich, is to be the attractive prospective financing attempted to diminish the evils qualities of having attempted to diminish the evils that have accumulated with the depreciation of the financial system. If the Reichsbank could succeed effectually a sound financial policy it would mean something towards the financial rehabilitation of the country and sound leadership would create confidence.

COMPANY NOTICES.

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF DIVIDENDS TO HOLDERS OF SHARE WARRANTS TO BEARER FOR ORDINARY SHARES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors, in their annual report, have recommended in the Shareholders the payment on the 17th January, 1924, of a final dividend on the Ordinary Shares for the year ended 30th September, 1923, of 9 per cent.—being 1/9.60d. per share—free of British income tax—at 4/3 in the £—and have declared a first interim dividend on the issued Ordinary Shares for the year from the 1st October, 1923, to 30th September, 1924, of 9 per cent.—being 9.60d. per share—free of British income tax—at 4/ in the £—also payable on the 17th January, 1924.

Holders of Share Warrants to Bearer for Ordinary Shares will—subject as to the said final dividend to the same being sanctioned at the annual general meeting of the Company, to be held on the 10th day of January next—be entitled to be paid the said final and interim dividends on and after the 17th day of January, 1924, at the office of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 33 Lombard Street, London, E.C.3, Coupon No. 99 in respect of the said final dividend and Coupon No. 99 in respect of the said interim dividend must be left for examination at the office of the said Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 33 Lombard street, London, E.C.3, three clear business days—excluding Saturday—before payment is made.

Dated 20th day of December, 1923.

By Order,

A. N. RICKARDS, Secretary.

Westminster House, 7 Millbank, London, S.W.1.

LONDON STOCKS SLIGHTLY BETTER.

LIQUIDATION STOPPED.

The Stock Markets yesterday had a return to steadiness, liquidation on any scale having ceased. At the same time, business was restricted by the impending settlement, which commences to-day. The tone at the close was firm. In the gilt-edged market the tone improved considerably in British Funds at first, but the gains were seldom held. The Conversion Loan, however, firmed up ⅛ to 75¾. Treasury Bonds lost ¼ at 103⅜.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES were quiet. Argentine Fives of 1909 gained ¼ at 96¼. Brazil Funding of 1914 lost a point at 68, while Chinese ¼ p.c. fell 1 to 70. Mexicans were flat; the Fives at 55¼ and the Sixes at 65¼ both lost a point.

HOME RAILS were irregular, but the downward tendency had a slight check. London North-Eastern Def. rose ¼ to 31⅜, but both fell a point. Metropolitans rose ½ to 71, and Districts ¼ to 54¼. Southern Def.-Ord. gained ¼ at 38. London Midland and Scottish Ord. lost a point at 77½.

COLONIAL and FOREIGN RAILS were quiet. "Canpacs" closed unaltered, while in Argentines Westerns fell 1 to 70. Antofagasta Ord. at 83 lost 1, and San Paulo Ord. fell ½ to 133. Grand Trunk Pacific Debs. fell 1 to 47½, and Mexican 8 p.c. Pref. at 25 fell 1. Americans were almost lifeless. Erie rose ½ to 24.

OIL SHARE MARKET.

M.U.
Dec. 11.
Agwi Petroleum ..... ⅜ | 3⅝xd+ ⅛
Anglo-American ..... 1⅜ | 1⅜—⅛
Anglo-Ecuadorian ..... 1⅛ | 1⅛
Anglo-Egyptian ..... ⅜ | ⅜
Anglo-Persian 5 p.c. ..... 21/9 | 22/3
Do. 5 p.c. Def. Pref.... 21/9 | 22/3
Do. Ord., issued 5½ pc. ..... 2⅛ | 2⅛
Do. Ord., issued 5½ pc. ..... 2⅛ | 2⅛
Do. 5 p.c. Deb. ..... 2½ | 2½
Apex Trinidad ..... ⅛ | ⅛
Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-) ..... 1/7 | 2d+ ⅛
British Burmah (8/-) ..... 4/1⅛ | 4/1⅜
British Controlled ..... 5/10½ | 6/1¼
Do. Pref. ..... 3½ | 4/-
Burmah ..... 2/- | 2/-
Do. 5 p.c. Pref. ..... 1/6 | 1/9
Caltex ..... ⅜ | ⅜
Ducia Bonanza ..... 4½ | 5/-
Eagle Transport ..... 101 | 103
Do. 1 p.c. Notes ..... 103 | 104
Do. Income ..... 4/- | 4/6
General Pet. Trinidad A ..... 14/1½ | 14/7½—6/1½
Jado Burmah ..... 6d | 6d
Kern River (10/-) ..... 6/- | 6/3
Lobitos ..... 39/- | 39/6
Mexican Eagle ..... 2/- | 2/-
Do. Pref. ..... 12/9 | 13/3
Do. 7 p.c. Pref. ..... ⅜ | ⅜
North Caucasian (10/-) ..... 1/6 | 1/9
Oilfields Egypt ..... 2/6 | 2/6+9/4½
Pera Syndicate ..... 1/- | 1/-
Phœnix ..... 2/6 | 2/6
Premier Oil ..... 11/6 | 12/3
Rumanian Consolidated ..... 3/- | 3/3+ ⅜
Royal Dutch ..... 33½ | 34
Scottish American ..... 1/- | 1/-
Shell Transport ..... 3½ | 3⅝ + ⅛
Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10). 22½ | 23½
Do. 7 p.c. Pref. ..... 21½ | 22⅞
Spies (10/-) ..... 2/9 | 3/-
Steaua Romana ..... 4/7½ | 5/1½
Tankers Pref. ..... 3/- | 3/-
Trinidad Central ..... 1¼ | 1⅜
Trinidad Leases ..... 5/7½ | 6/1½—6/1½
United Brit. Trinidad ..... ⅛ | ⅛

N. Hummocks 18/7½ | 19/6
P.K.I.(6/-Pref.) 19/6 | 19/10½
Palatine ..... 19/6 | 19/10½
Pilmoor ..... 18/7½ | 19/6
Rim Kidney ..... 19/6 | 19/10½
Rub.K.Johors 22/7½ | 23/9
Sapora ..... 22/6 | 23/9
Selangor Mk.Za. 21/0 | 21/9
Selangor ..... 4/3 | 4/6
Serdang(Ord) 20/- | 20/9
Sumatar Asso. 19/- | 19/6
Sumatra Con. 19/4½ | 19/7½
Sungei Buaya. 27/6 | 28/9
Sungei Kapar. 18/7½ | 19/6
Sungei Kapar. 3/6½ | 3/9
Sungei Kr. Pt.20/9 | 21/3
Tanjong ..... 1/4⅛ | 1/5⅜
Tebrau ..... 19/- | 19/6
Telogordin ..... 3/9 | 3/10½
Tennamaran ..... 0/9 | 0/10½
Tu.Tenlang..... 2/7½ | 2/9
Yam Seng..... 2/- | 2/-

*Ex Div. ‡ Ex Rights. † Cum div.

RUBBER SHARES IMPROVING.

The Rubber Share market was very quiet yesterday, but the tone was steady, and a few small gains were to be noted. Lendu rose 1s. to 15s. 6d., Anglo-Malay at 20s. 7½d. rose 1s. 3d., and Sungei Buaya at 27s. 6d. also fell 1s. 3d. The price of rubber fell to 14d. per lb.

Closing prices:—

M.U.
Dec. 11.
Anglo-Dutch ..... 14 0 | +0/4½
Anglo-Java ..... 20/7½ | +0/10½
Anglo-Malay ..... 4/1⅛ | —
Batavian Cons. ..... 2/6 | —
Bukit Mertajam ..... 1/6 | —0/7
Bukit Sembawang 14/3
Damansara 3/-
Grand Central 2/3
Highlands 3/-
Kamuning ..... 4/4½ | —
Kepong 27/3
Kuala Lumpur 27/3
Labu 30/0
Linggi ..... 3/6 | +0/0½
London-Asiatic 2/9
Malacca 2/6
Malaysian 2/7½
Merlimau 19/6
Moorey Valley 2/15½
Port Dickson 23/9
Rubber Trust 3/3
Seafield 35/0
Senadyan 3/-
Sialang 2/6
Straits Rubber 30/0
Tali Ayer ..... 31/3 | +0/0½
Tandjong 2/2
Tu. Serdang 61/3
United Sua Betong 10/9
Vallambrosa ..... 18/7½ | —0/9

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

Antofagasta ..... 71 | 72 | —1
Argentine G.W. Ord. ..... 27½ | 28
Bahia Blanca ..... 7 | 8
Buenos Ayres Great Southern ..... 70 | 71 | —1
Buenos Ayres and Pacific ..... 70 | 71
Buenos Ayres and W. ..... 72 | 73
Canadian Pacific ..... 146 | 147
Central Argentine ..... 67 | 68
Central Uruguay ..... 15 | 17
Entre Rios ..... 7 | 8
Do. 6 p.c. Pref. ..... 46 | 48
Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar. ..... 78 | 80 | —1
Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Deb. ..... 78 | 80
Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb. ..... 19½ | 21½
Leopoldina ..... 8 | 9
Mexican Rails ..... 1 | 1⅛
Do. 8 p.c. Pref. ..... 15 | 17
Do. 4 p.c. Pref. ..... 3 | 4
Mexican Nat. 1st Pref.... 1 | 1⅛
Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref.... 1 | 1⅛
San Paulo ..... 131 | 133
United Havana ..... 29 | 30

LONDON MINING MARKET BRIGHTER.

PRICES IMPROVING.

Yesterday a decidedly more cheerful tone was noticeable in most departments of the Stock Exchange. Professionals who had gone short early in the week were inclined to take profits in view of the approach of the week-end, the settlement, and the holidays. Shrewd operators were unostentatiously picking up the leading counters, among which Central Mining, Rand Mines, Anglo-American, Brakpan, Springs and Modderfontein were all better. Some of the lower-priced descriptions were also harder, including East Rand, Geldenhuis Deep, and Modder East, while Silati were inquired for in anticipation of an announcement regarding the starting of shaft-sinking in the Benoni claims. In the Rhodesian department some bidding for Chartered followed the satisfactory outcome of the meeting; the directors' proposals were agreed to. Cam and Motor were in request, and Selukwe were inquired for, though the latter were finally unaltered. Diamonds were quiet, and De Beers Deferred, after being buyers in the morning, fell back and closed easier on the day. West Africans were neglected, but in the Australian department Associated came to the front and rallied slightly. Coppers were hardly mentioned, and Tintos remained at the previous level. Rumors moved up, but in the Miscellaneous section British Platinum were depressed, notwithstanding the issue of satisfactory report and accounts. Mexico Mines were dull, and other Mexicans were unchanged, but Keeley and Vipond, in the Canadian list, strengthened. Closing prices—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U.
Dec. 10.
Anglo-Amer. Corp. ..... 1⅞ | 1¾ + ⅛
Anglo-French ..... 19/6 | 19/9
Brakpan ..... 3½ | 3⅝ + ⅛
Central Mining (40/-) ..... 3½ | 3⅝ + ⅛
Do. Ord. ..... 3½ | 3⅝ + ⅛
City Deep ..... 1/0 | 1/0
Cons. Main Reef ..... 2/3 | 2/3
Cons. Sales. (50/-) ..... 19/6 | 19/9
Cons. Main Reef ..... 19/6 | 19/9—⅛
Crown Mines ..... 1/3 | 1/3—⅛
Durban Deep ..... 1/3 | 1/3—⅛
E. Rand Mining ..... 3/3 | 3/4½ + 1½
E. Rand Prop. ..... 4/- | 4/-
Geduld ..... 12/6 | 12/9
Gen. Mining ..... 19/6 | 19/9
G.M. Investment ..... 3/- | 3/-
Government Areas ..... 1/3 | 1/3
H.E. Prop. ..... 2/3 | 2/3
Johan'burg Invest ..... 20/- | 20/-
Klerksdorp ..... 17/6 | 18/0 + 0/3
Knight's ..... 2/3 | 2/3
Langlaagte Estate ..... 2/3 | 2/3
Meyer & Charlton ..... 1/6 | 1/6 + ⅛
M'Gerfontein (10/-) ..... 1/6 | 1/9 + ⅛
Modder B (8/-) ..... 1/6 | 1/6 + ⅛
Modder Deep ..... 3/3 | 3/4½
Modder East ..... 1/6 | 1/6 + ⅛
New Kleinfontein ..... 1/6 | 1/6
New State Areas ..... 3/6 | 3/7½
Nigel ..... 13/6 | 13/9
Nourse Mines ..... 3/3 | 3/4½ + ⅛
Rand Mines ..... 1/6 | 1/6 + ⅛
Randfontein ..... 11/- | 11/3 + 0/3
do. Central ..... 1/3 | 1/3
Rob'son Dp. A (£1). 24/- | 25/0 + 0/6
Robinson Dp. B ..... 13/6 | 14/3
Rose Deep ..... 1/6 | 1/6
Simmer & Jack ..... 2/6 | 2/6 + ⅛
Springs Mines ..... 12/- | 12/3
Sub Nigels ..... 2/6 | 2/6
Transvaal Land ..... 2/6 | 2/6 + ⅛
Trans. Con. Ld. (1/-) ..... 1/3 | 1/3
Trans. Gold Min. ..... 1/3 | 1/3
Union Corp. (12/6) ..... 12/6 | 12/9—0/3
Van Ryn Prop. ..... 1/6 | 1/6
Van Ryn Deep ..... 1/- | 1/-
Village Deep ..... 17/6 | 18/9
West Springs ..... 20/- | 20/-
Do. Options ..... 19/6 | 19/6
W. Witwatersrand ..... 1/- | 1/-

RUSSIAN.

Tsna Gold ..... ⅝ | ⅝
Russo-Asiatic Cons. ..... 6/9 | 7/3—0/3
Russian Mining ..... ⅛ | ⅛
Siberian Props. ..... ⅛ | ⅛
Spassky ..... ⅛ | ⅛

RHODESIAN.

Bechuanaland Ex. ..... 2/3 | 2/4
Cam and Motor ..... 1/- | 1/2 + ⅛
Cam Charter (5/-Ex.) ..... 4/6 | 4/9
Falcon ..... 16/6 | 16/9
Gaika Gold ..... 1/6 | 1/6
Globe and Phœnix ..... 4/6 | 4/9
Gold F. Rhod. (10/-) ..... 2/- | 2/-
Lonely Reef ..... 2/3 | 2/3
Rezende ..... 1/3 | 1/3
Rhodesian Anglo ..... 1/3 | 1/3
Rhodesian Corp. ..... 1/3 | 1/3
Sharwood Sharr ..... 13/3 | 14/3
Tanganyika ..... 2/6 | 2/9
Tati Gold Ord. ..... 2/6 | 2/9—0/3
do. Pref. ..... 2/6 | 2/9
Wankie Col. (10/-) ..... 9/6 | 9/9
Zambesia Explor. ..... 3/- | 3/3
Zambesia Min. D. ..... ¾ | ¾

DIAMOND.

Angola Diamond ..... ¾ | ¾
Con. D. S. W.A. ..... 17/6 | 18/0
De Beers Def. ..... 11/6 | 11/9 — ⅛
De Beers Ord. ..... 11/6 | 11/9 — ⅛
Jagersfontein ..... 2/3 | 2/3
N. Val River ..... 2/3 | 2/3
Premier Pf. (£1)... ¾ | ¾

AUSTRALIAN.

Amal. Zinc ..... 18/1½ | 18/4½
Associated ..... 10/6 | 10/9 + 0/3
Broken Hill Prop. ..... 2/3 | 2/3
Do. Broken Hill ..... 2/3 | 2/3
S. Kalgurli Ltd. ..... 1/3 | 1/3
Do. Block 14 ..... 1/3 | 1/3
Blocton Zinc Pref. ..... 13/- | 13/3
Do. ..... 13/- | 13/3
Cobar View (10/-) ..... 1/6 | 1/6
North Broken Hill ..... 2/- | 2/-
Wah Min.(10/-Pd.) ..... 1/- | 1/-
Zinc Corp. Ord. (10/-) ..... 2/6 | 2/6
do. Pref. ..... 2/6 | 2/6

WEST AFRICAN.

Akim ..... ⅜ | ⅜
Ashanti Gold (5/-) ..... 7/3 | 7/9
Ashanti Cons.(5/-) ..... 2/6 | 2/9
Fanti Cons.(5/-) ..... 1/3 | 1/3
Gold Coast Amal. ..... 18/9 | 19/3
Taquah Acquisi. ..... 3/9 | 4/3

†Ex Dividend. ‡Ex Rights.

BUSINESS DONE.

Anglo-American Corp.—24/3, 3d.
Brakpan—4/-, 4/3, 5/3, 5/6, 5/9, 6/-, 6/3, 6/6, 6/9, 7/-, 7/3, 7/6, 7/9, 8/-, 8/3, 8/6, 8/9, 9/-, 9/3, 9/6, 9/9, 10/-, 10/3, 10/6, 10/9, 11/-, 11/3, 11/6, 11/9, 12/-, 12/3, 12/6, 12/9, 13/-, 13/3, 13/6, 13/9, 14/-, 14/3, 14/6, 14/9, 15/-, 15/3, 15/6, 15/9, 16/-, 16/3, 16/6, 16/9, 17/-, 17/3, 17/6, 17/9, 18/-, 18/3, 18/6, 18/9, 19/-, 19/3, 19/6, 19/9, 20/-, 20/3, 20/6, 20/9, 21/-, 21/3, 21/6, 21/9, 22/-, 22/3, 22/6, 22/9, 23/-, 23/3, 23/6, 23/9, 24/-, 24/3, 24/6, 24/9, 25/-, 25/3, 25/6, 25/9, 26/-, 26/3, 26/6, 26/9, 27/-, 27/3, 27/6, 27/9, 28/-, 28/3, 28/6, 28/9, 29/-, 29/3, 29/6, 29/9, 30/-, 30/3, 30/6, 30/9, 31/-, 31/3, 31/6, 31/9, 32/-, 32/3, 32/6, 32/9, 33/-, 33/3, 33/6, 33/9, 34/-, 34/3, 34/6, 34/9, 35/-, 35/3, 35/6, 35/9, 36/-, 36/3, 36/6, 36/9, 37/-, 37/3, 37/6, 37/9, 38/-, 38/3, 38/6, 38/9, 39/-, 39/3, 39/6, 39/9, 40/-, 40/3, 40/6, 40/9, 41/-, 41/3, 41/6, 41/9, 42/-, 42/3, 42/6, 42/9, 43/-, 43/3, 43/6, 43/9, 44/-, 44/3, 44/6, 44/9, 45/-, 45/3, 45/6, 45/9, 46/-, 46/3, 46/6, 46/9, 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ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Royal Hospital for Incurables was held at the Hospital yesterday (Tuesday) morning, 18th inst., at 9.30 o'clock, William Perrin, Esq., Chairman, presiding. Two hundred and seventy-three Governors were present at this meeting.

The proceedings of the last meeting of the Board were read, confirmed and signed. Apologies were received from a number of Governors unable to be present.

Mrs. Edward Lee, Mrs. James B. Ryan, Daniel S. Doyle, Esq., LL.B., and Frederick W. Smith, Esq., having kindly consented to act, were appointed Visiting Governors for the month.

Miss Cecily Veronica Byrne was unanimously elected a Life Governor of the Hospital on the nomination of her mother, Mrs. Margaret M. Byrne, who recently generously contributed £100 towards the funds "In memory of her son, the late Henry Norman Byrne."

Payments gratefully acknowledged, and five new Life Governors of the Hospital were unanimously elected as such—Miss Mabel Moore, £40; John F. McGuire, £21; Anonymous (Life Governor), qualifying as Life Governor Mrs. A. M. Miller, £25; "Friends," qualifying as Life Governor Mrs. Dudley Westropp £21; Frederick W. Smith, Esq. (Life Governor), qualifying as Life Governor his wife, Mrs. F. W. Smith, £21.

The Chairman made special reference to the Hospital's overdraft at the bank (£8,395 11/8), and he appealed for contributions from the many friends of the institution to assist in reducing this pressing liability. Life Governors are qualified as such by a payment of £21. They are entitled to visit the Hospital at all times consistent with its due order, to recommend candidates for admission, and vote for their election, and to vote for the election of the Managing Committee and the Visiting Medical Officers.

It was announced that Christmas Day would be celebrated in the usual time-honoured manner at the Hospital. Dinner will be served to the patients in the wards at 12 o'clock. Governors and friends are cordially invited to be present. Music and singing will be greatly appreciated.

The following contributions from Life Governors and other supporters of the charity to purchase Christmas delicacies for the patients are thankfully acknowledged, and the Lady Superintendent or Registrar will gladly receive any further sums entrusted to them for this commendable purpose—£11, William J. Riley, Esq., and Mrs. Riley. £1 1/- each—Miss K. Sullivan, Mrs. Davys. £1 each—Miss Minnie FitzGerald, Mrs. J. Hume Dudgeon, Daniel S. Doyle, Esq., LL.B.; Mrs. Gerald Mooney, Sir Walter H. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (Vice-Chairman), Lady Downes, James Nichols, Esq., J.P.; J. P. Ringwood, Esq. 10/- each—Mrs. M. Collinane, Mrs. H. O'Connell-FitzSimon, "A Friend" (per Miss K. Sullivan), Arthur C. Hyland, Esq., B.L.; O. P. Beater, Esq., LL.B.; Alfred T. Collins, Esq.; Miss M. E. F. O'Conor, Miss A. L. Newsom, Miss L. B. Rawson. Smaller sums—17/6.

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The election of patients was then proceeded with. Fourteen names appeared on the printed list, and six candidates were in attendance. One of the applicants died on Saturday last, 15th inst., and five were certified by the Visiting Medical Officer as unable to attend the election. The following, having obtained the highest number of votes, were declared duly elected patients—one for immediate admission to the hospital, and two to remain out on a weekly allowance from the funds pending further vacancies in the wards—viz., Constance Harriet Kate Brady, chronic rheumatic arthritis and heart disease; Annie Teresa Kerrigan, chronic rheumatic arthritis; Rachel McCartney, chronic Bright's disease.

Further contributions are solicited to reduce the heavy bank debt (£8,395 11/8), and will be gratefully received by William Perrin, Esq. (Chairman), Rocklands, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin; Sir Walter H. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (Vice-Chairman), 13 Upper Mount street, Dublin; Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (Hon. Treasurer), The Haven, Palmerston Gardens, Rathmines, or by the Registrar at the hospital.

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